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WEDNESDAY, FEBY 24. Cloudy-high S. wind-some rainy forenoon-rain increased P.M. more yet in the evening-Warm. Mercury 33°-42° 40°-38°- Carrying out 3 lds manure & fixing sleigh more conveniently to be drawn by horses on an even-er & conveying Mrs Wrisley to Judge L. Norton's made up the chief movements of the day. Read Lord B's removal from Ravenna to Pisa &c &c- Ira B Dewey came again with his old brother Pierce-father of his friend at Schuylerville-Old gentleman very noisy on Religion- Methodist by profession-never learned to read-but could rapidly quote passages of Scripture- Full of Glory- full of Methodist Hymns, loudly sung & even in common conversation giving into the most boisterous & harsh sort of Harangue. In the eveg-most vehement & tedious in prayer.

Hiram Waters employed 3 teams in getting home wood-assisted by Henry Warren & black Charles- Warren tarried with us until sometime in the evening. Lydia Waters spent the day with us. Cousin Ira came alone in his cutter on Tuesday-found his aged friend in the E. part of the town-at his son John's- This gent said in Ap'l next should be 66 years of age. Lost his wife about 5 years since-by whom had had 13 children-dor not recollect how many were sons- Resided with some of his children in the town of Enfield-near the head of Cayuga Lake N.Y

THURSDAY, FEBY 25. Visited by the most tremendous gale from N.W. experienced the present extraordinary season-bringing with it a plentiful supply of snow- Roads blown so full as to render them in certain places impassable. During the thaw there had fallen much rain. The above described gale prevailed through the day-but seemed to rage highest from 6 to 9 A.M. Of course we may presume travelling to be, at this juncture, both difficult & rather dangerous. No business other than feeding stock at the barn going on. Our Methodist friends were weather-bound & continued with us. Old gent prayed morning & evening in a voice that could have been heard in open air 1 1/2 miles- he really allowed himself to become fairly ridiculous-proving the adage-That it is but a step from the Sublime to the Ridiculous/ Very loud talk, & frequent coarse, but not very bad, singing, the order of the day. Looked up & arranged accounts standing unsettled with Henry Warren. It is recorded in Jour'l for April 14, 1835 that a balance of 35 cts was then due him. As accounts stand since that period up to the present we were now indebted to him about \$ 2.42-the above balance inclusive. Should have expressed it more clearly to have stated it at \$2.07 & then added the 35"- I would just, by the way, mention his having several bbls apples last fall, gratis. Read a good deal of Moore's Byron this day-Removal to Pisa-thence to

Genoa &c. Made out plan of cheese press for Ira to carry to Warreh Pierce-who talked of setting up dairying the ensuing season.

FRIDAY, FEBY 26. Tolerably calm, cldy-Wd. N.W. snowed all P.M. - Merc. 8°-20°-10°- Mr. Pierce after performing usual religious duties & exhorting us in very mild terms, for him, along with "Brother Dewey" as he familiarly called cousin Ira- took leave this morning-but it was not long before the latter, finding it very difficult to go only to the Court House, put about & returned safe to his moorings. A great deal of "Digging out" was performed this day- especially beyond the old Dr. Swift house where for several rods a sleigh way was shovelled through the lofty snow drifts resembling the McAdam cut through the rocks near the City of Troy.

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Geo. & Hopkins drove to Judge L. Norton's-whence they returned with Mrs Wrisley who had been absent since Wednesday morning. The last great storm had really broken up a wedding at the judge's-where on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock was to have been married Mr. Albert Walker of Manchester-Merch't to Miss Maura- youngest daughter of Hon. L. Norton of this town. Neither bridegroom nor clergyman could possibly gain the residence of Miss Bride-so of course the business had to lie over. Geo. Hopks & self rode in 2 horse sleigh up to the centre Village where were left with B.R. Sears 3 cheese-tubs to be painted & an old cherry table to be repaired. Would soon have the washing machine done- Mary Ann & children well- refused an invitation to dinner. Saw Uncle Sam Robinson at his son N.L.'s. Heard some very curious tales respecting an institution not many miles N.W. of this house- wherein moral rectitude had not been preserved quite so scrupulously as is laid down in the books. Bo't good hxf for mother at L. Patchin & Co's. and other goods enough to make bill of \$1.01 which was cashed at once. Saw Gen'l Robinson as well as David Jun'r. The former being asked his opinion of the present & former Winters-after enumerating instances, of 40 & 50 years, gone by, of deep snows-great drifts &c- concluded this so far, would well compare with its antecedents. I was a few moments before being at L. Patchin's, in Love's Bar-room-where were William Haswell, S.C. Raymond & others discoursing about a building lot, or something of that kind-did not try to know what- Saw D. Clark-said nothing to him of what one day I must probably lose by him. It is but about \$1 1/2. certainly so much more than I wish it to be. Started for home-calling at F.B's for Sepct. which was obtained & perused in the eveg. Calling for Aunt Lydia at H. Waters' whence bro't her home. Saw David Ruttenbur there & found him a pretty true Jackson man.

SATURDAY, FEBY 27. Fine clear cold good hay-consuming weather. Merc. 6°-18° 16°- Chiefly employed in writing Journal. Boys & Mrs W. for one thing very faithfully pounded out & washed the big meal sacks-ready to recieve necessary repairs, of which they stood in great need. Cousin Ira B. left for Schuylerville. Read Byron in the evening relative to Greece-to which country he had now gone. 1823.

SUNDAY, FEBY 28. Fair & cold- wd. N.W.-Merc. 8°-18°-14°-6°-3°- Eveng. 4° below. Spent fore part of the day reading-New Testament chiefly- 8th & 9th Chaps St. Luke. Those who went to meeting were Geo, my lady, Mrs Wrisley, Adeline- Lydia staid with children at H W's while service lasted-returning with the folks again P.M. P.M. & evening wrote Journal which bro't up pretty well. Adeline, at the earnest solicitation of Mrs Catherine Nicholls, late Miss Dewey, staid to spend the night with her. The death of the widow of the late Mr. John Lawrence of the S.E. part of Bennington was announced-aged about 89 years. It was understood that the postponed wedding would this evening be duly solemnized by the Rev'd Ed. W. Hooker- all things in order-everything as it should be.

MONDAY, FEBY 29. Continued cold & after part of the day stormy from S.E. said to be very furious & tedious amongst & in the neighborhood of the Green Mountains. Merc. 10° 28°-24°- Father & Geo. P. employed themselves, while it was calm, at sawing, chopping & otherwise dealing with wood. Rode with Hopkins, his aunt Lydia and his mother to Hiram Waters'-there landing the first named lady- went to capt. P Dewey's saw the family in usual health-gave notice to our daughter that she could be conveyed to B.E. Sears'- she readily accepted the invitation & was with her mother after making a halt at the store of L P & G'S thither waited upon by Hopkins, while I was at William Haswell Esqr's on business. Did not learn exact amount of taxes-but presume from an inspection of the Gr'd List that the am't would not exceed \$15.11 of which had paid to him \$3.10"-leaving balance unpd of \$12.01- Some few words passed as to the approaching townmeeting-nothing definite- Saw Mrs H, Miss H, & some one sewing not of my acquaintance-another young lady came in apparently from some little distance-very courteously rec'd- Left at the moment of her entrance. Drove to E. Village-made application for blacksmithing at Deac. Winslow's & at Harry Norton's without success-the respective bosses gone from home. Seeing young Riddle at the former place-enquired of him the price of good beef (his father being Inn-Keeper at the old James Hicks Stand) carelessly replied that it was selling at \$4! No doubt the stripling thought he was gulling somebody. Afterwards saw a dealer in the article who assured me good ox beef sold readily at \$6-cow, do, at 5 & at retail by the

small quantity at 7cs. Returned up Meetinghouse hill-~~made~~ fast horses under Riddle's shed- visited & staid a good while at the store of Sanford, Brown & Co. Saw a young man of 19 or 20 about quitting town to return home to Poughkeepsie-N.Y. having been a student in Ballard's Seminary. Talked a good deal with Seymour Merrill on Military &c-Saw also our good friend Asher Prentis-the same as- that built us a horse(mare) rake in July last. About 12 left for the Hill- Hopkins going to B R Sears'- self to N.L.Robinson's-where rec'd an invitation to dinner-accepted. Conversed with cous Heman H., the whilst, on Byron's expedition to Greece, Rail Roads &c &c- Minerva & Mrs Harr't A.Patchin both present sociable & tolerably well, only the former complaining some of toothache. as did also cous. Nathan with whom held some chat on buying & selling-afterwards getting of him 7 lbs coffee for \$1- to remain on credit 1 week- Had agreed with W.Haswell to wait on me ten days for balance due on taxes. Started for Ben S's-saw West'n Stage drive up to Love's- Black Joel near at hand- Meeting C F Sears in the street handed him a 3 bladed penknife which I had found in my pocket since my return from the N-not knowing of whom it was rec'd or how I came by it-requested him to shew it to Ebenezer Moor (son of Mrs Phelps by a former hus'b) to see if he recognized it as belonging to either of his brothers in Rupert- that being the only place where according to the best of my of my recollections I could have received it. Must have borrowed it on Sunday while writing, for some trifling use & forgot to return it. S. said he would comply with the request & if not claimed, return it again. Gained the house of Benjamin-Saw the man, wife, children Sam, Fay &c- Much jesting & joking as anybody might imagine. Left, one moment in advance of the folks, to make a short call on Solomon the ever busy book-binder- but found nothing to buy. Got on board of sleigh &, with the exception of call-

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ing at Post Office & getting a letter from Miss L.Burton to Adeline-~~dated~~, Rupert Feb 20 & 2 newspapers for all which pd 12 cs postage, came directly home facing a severe S.E. snowstorm. Remainder of the afternoon & evening spent in reading newspapers, Lord Byron's progress in Greece & writing these lines. Adeline found her line an agreeable one. Geo. studied the pages of Paley- Col. Martin Norton told me he was 71 years of age last October- his wife 4 years younger. The wedding which we presumed to have been consummated last evening was actually said to have taken place this very night in fine style-no doubt. The funeral of old Mrs Lawrence occurred this day- Interment in Burying Gr'd at the Centre- Hiram Waters & teams drew wood past here. Black Charles assistant. H. Warren

not- Came over to get milk as usual. Informed him that I was indebted to him as was stated on the 25th-would be pd in beef-

TUESDAY, MARCH 1st. Rained soakingly early in the day-so cold at the same time as to freeze as it fell- Roofs, fences & surface of the snow frozen with ice- By 9 or 10 A.M. held up. Continued cloudy & late P.M. commenced again-Showering profusely 2 or 3 hours. Snow settled very considerably, remaining, however very deep. Merc. 28°-36°-38°. Estimated quantity of hay on hand at 16 tons in the old barn & 1 do in the new. E. mow in the old gone. Stock consisted of 27 cows. including 3 farrow & 1 beef, the last to be butchered soon. Rode with bays to Hiram Waters'. Charley, the colt, being frightened at one of S.H. Brown's sleds standing in the highway-sheered quickly to the right & landed himself, cutter & passengers in the ditch below the little bridge situated a little N. of Sam's horse barn- Ditch full of snow-horse met with a dead stop-Soon got out, with no other harm than upsetting my hat the crown of which was partially filled with snow & besides having the same material worked among some few of the leaves of the last Vol. of my Jour'l ending on the 23 ult- Said book sustained no injury-being exposed to the heat of the stove at H.W.'s- Copied an Acc't between Hiram & his youngest apprentice, Geo. Robinson-of about \$58 accruing within the last 14 months-bringing the latter in debt about \$13- his allowance being annually, or for the year ending first of Jan 1836-(\$46) no \$45. So much for one of my constitutional blunders. Next we settled our own affairs which included everything excepting the \$400 loaned first of Nov. last. My side-am't \$56.68- his to \$53.97-leaving balance in my favor of \$2.71 which he paid at once in money. Last settle'mt was made Jan'y 17, 1834. Let it be understood that the present settlement included interest of \$400 to this date. Dined- pres't Hiram, wife & children, D. Ruttenbur, J. Godby, Geo. Robinson & black Charley- of whom the last made fun unconsciously for H & hands by gratifying his gluttony. H. got Chandler's horse & cutter to go to Deac. Hinsdill's- I accepted an invitation to go with him. D. Ruttenbur rode up to L.P. & Co's with an elegant fan light window lately made at H's. saw him put it in its place- W gable front of new brick store-making a very appropriate appearance. David, while riding slowly along spoke of the veneration which he had entertained for Webster's old "Third Part" in which were some excellent Congressional documents & fine Oration's &c. Waters, having walked up the hill thus far with B R Sears-seated himself by my side, and proceeding down Court House hill, by Montague's & New Road-soon arrived at H's where the first compliment was that the Deacon wanted H to undertake a small job at finishing or some way of fashioning inside of meeting house. It was readily taken.

H W transacted some business at store-a load of flour arrived, but he could get none at present. Some jokes were exchanged between him & Drugg. In the office got excused from paying my bill bo't Jan. 18 \$6.79-to run until the most convenient day. Hiram half in earnest bespoke 50⁰ lbs butter to be forthcoming from date to first of June- causing a good deal of laugh among the clerks. Esqr. Edgerton said he had lately been to Troy-on his return met Staunton Wilcox of Petersburg, N.Y. with load of hay, 30 good looking cows, & as I took it, household stuff, family &c &c inclusive-removing to the town of Marcy-a few miles from the City of Utica. In Jour'l 11th of July 1835 or near that date- Came off leaving jug of oil sent for by B.R. Sears- Recollecting it near old Steb.W's-leaving me at Bates' turning shop- H. drove back & got it-rec'd me once more-both safely reached his house before dark. Supp'd there. Started in the rain for home. Overtaken by Mr. Brimmer of Petersburg and kindly allowed to ride on his sleigh to the end of the Harwood Lane. Gave me some particulars respecting the removal of Mr. Wilcox who was one of his near neighbors. Mr.B. had some bedstuff for loading -no sleighbox- also carried two passengers one of whom, understood to be, Frank Bates of Pownal. Read more of Moore's Byron evening.

WED. MAR. 2. Cold as Greenland. Strong, very powerful N.W. Wd. flying clds- Merc. 14°-16°-8°-2°- Wrote complimentary letter enclosing 12 l.2 ct piece supposed due for postage- to Rev'd L.F.Clark which was subsequently forwarded by Charles Dewey of Castleton. Made settlement in full with G.P.Harwood up to the first inst.inclusive-to whom owed \$482.49- Paid the fraction & gave 3 separate notes for the remainder. Largest due first of Nov.next \$456. That for \$18 due first of Ap'l, the other for \$8 (int since Nov, last) due one day after date. Geo, self, wife & children were transported toup street. The two first after getting past Mr.Brown's were generously conveyed by Mr.B in his cutter, himself, driver, going at a swift pace. Attended to small errands at S.Chandler's- halted a moment at Sanf'd & Brown & Co's-then went to Post Office where saw goodly number of bags as well as some men. Then ventured into Academy which was pretty closely stowed with human beings, that is, in the 2d story. Saw many countenances among the gentlemen known to me- Such as James Hubbell, Esqr, D.Rob Jund. Esqr, capt. Heman, his brother, the gen'l their father entered soon after I was seated, also Austin Harmon Jun Esqr, capt, L.Sherwood of Hoosick, N.Y. U M Robinson, Esqr, Elijah Fay, Asher Prentiss or Printis &c. Heard long examination of class in Nat. Philos- answers generally low & indistinct- not always to the point-didn't much relish it-felt dull-frequently sunk into a half sleep. This Class through called on another in French-heard them some ten minutes-taking hat left for Sanf'd & B & Co's store accomp'd by capt, Sherwood with whom

held long conversation on wool growing, making pork, growing grain, dairying- the well-doing of his sons, particularly those at the West-Also remarks on Niagara Falls, Brock's Monument at Queenston Heights & country round. From the last (the M't I mean) the prospect was most grand & beautiful. Last season harvested 250, or thereabouts, bushels most beautiful & excellent rye from only 7 bushels sowing. Very extraordinary growth. Tow'd the end of our time here Cous. Uel joined us- & as we came up the hill tow'd the Academy he was with us lugging some harness he had lately got repaired at John Hicks'. Entered Acad'y again-soon finished the afternoon exercise winding up with that silly stuff called "Algebra". Saw Capt. John Phelps of Rupert who had

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come down with his lady to attend examination & convey home young Ebenezer & the son of Mr. Sheldon whom I waited upon hither early in Dec. last. Invited Mr. P. to bring his lady to our house & tarry the night-would not engage farther than to call next day should he not return home- must spend the night at Smith Montagues-Smith being then at his elbow. When last at Hinsdill's forgot to state that I purchased some books intended for presents to the children of my friend P-consisting of 1 copy of Webster's Dictionary-50 cs- 1 copy New Testament-Pock't small, in calf, 30 cs- Story of Mary-10 cs to which was added Parley's History of Greece- bo't in Troy for Hopkins, by whose consent was presented to young John Phelps. In the said books the name of each individual to whom they were presented was inserted by Adeline the whole snugly done up & handed over to Ebenezer for safe conveyance. Rec'd from C F Sears' the penknife mentioned near the conclusion of the Vol. preceding this. Paid Mr. Balch-Principal Bennington Academy \$2 for Hopkins' Tuition, guessed at, & 88 cs for copy Porter's Rhetorical Reader. Saw Hiel Parsons & held some conversation with him- invited him home-but he seemed to think he should return to Hoosick this evening. Came home & read Life & Letters of Byron-kitchen mostly to myself- My companions not returning until about 9 o'clock or later- having staid to hear scholars' compositions read & Address by Rev'd E W Hooker- Of the former held low opinion, but of the latter-very good. or indeed a very favorable opinion-it was all they liked of the whole eve's performance. Mrs W. kept the house from running away in our absence & industriously & silently passed the eve previous to the other's return.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3d. S.Wd prevailed early-lasting 3 or 4 hours-veered about again W & N.W. Flying clouds & haziness-the latter aspect prevailing more especially in the eve- Thawed some- Merc. 8°-23°-22°-18°-

Forgetting on the 2d to hand the Letter intended for L.F.C. to young Dewey, went early to Doct. W. Bigelow's, his boarding place, and placed the same in his hands, he engaging to forward it as desired. Called on & paid cousin N.L. Robinson \$1 in money for the coffee bo't of him Feb. 29. Conversed some with cousin Heman about safe ways of conveying money about travelling on Rail Roads &c - Called at the Post Office - informed Chapin after being told by him how long it would take a letter to come from Washington City, that a check of \$400 was expected to be enclosed to H. Waters by Hon. H. Hall, M.C. - Desired said C. to give due notice of its arrival or of anything from that quarter to H.W. A letter for him was shown me from Hoosick on which I paid 6 cs postage - carried to his lady who on opening it saw that it was in the elegant handwriting of my old friend Garret Van Hoosen - making proposals to build a small church, therein described, for the "M.L.R. Society" Could not very easily guess out the names for which these initials stood. Breakfasted at H.W.'s - alone - sisters both variously employed. Came home with Chandler Ware - teamster of Dr. H. Swift in H.W.'s employ'mt drawing wood. Soon after Geo & Hopkins harnessed our team for the woods - steering for the upper edge of our woods near the end of a new road worked last fall by H. Warren for H. Waters - Calculating to get beech trees of no great dimensions girdled by the former by permission, as he said, of my father - who granted it without fully understanding their situation - for when he came to be told all about it - said he never meant as was done. We went up to get those trees & much to our surprise - found them missing. I was vehemently angry thus to see what liberties some people take when out of sight. Hiram was assisting at loading up Ware - Knew not who was guilty of the trespass, but was pretty well aware that it must be our friend Warren - So after free mind pretty fully - returned down to the "Grove" - assisted in cutting a white ash, of small size for sawing - cut up & loaded the same - brought it to the house - where after dinner all was thrown off excepting 2 cuts which with a large short log of sweet apple tree was transported to the saw-mill yard of Capt. Stebbins Walbridge - and there deposited for sawing. Drove to Hinsdillville - called on Mr. Shoemaker Jackson - agreed with him to wait for his pay a few days longer - consulted about sale of calf skins which on the morrow should carry to Troy - Went to the office of Deac. Hinsdill & wrote a letter to J.C. Preshe in which touched only upon commonplace occurrences. Invited him to visit us when convenient - mentioned a certain affair happening Feb 15 - Sent compliments to Capt. E. Waters & all his folks in Troy. Made the best of our way home - halting one moment at cousin N.L. Rob's on slight errand about milk & vinegar. Meeting this side the Andrew's house - a sleigh load of gentlemen & ladies who were all personally known to me, but only partially recognized at the moment. with quick compliments took leave of each other.

Speaking with Mr. Phelps & lady & the lady of E. Montague, leaving after getting home that besides these there were friend Erastus & his brother Smith & his lady-having been here to make a "How do'do" visit for which we were very well pleased. Besides the above our ladies rec'd visits from Eliza K. Warren & Miss M.W. Wrisley-eldest surviving daughter of Mrs W. Read good Downing Letter in the last N.Y. Spect- and in Moore the melancholy death of Lord Byron at Missolonghi in Greece-April 19, 1824- So he in a manner flung away life & property where it effected little apparent good- Nothing indeed compared with such an immense sacrifice.

Bad walking in the roads in which there was a great deal of ice-Snow 2 feet deep in woods off Mountains. Had head bathed in camphor and brandy for a sort of trouble that had been felt many weeks.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4. Fair- Great & severe wind from south-thawing much- Merc. 26°- 45°-45°- Father & cousin G.P. attended Church meeting on acc't of Church Fast. I was employed when free from company, in computing amount of goods purchased in our family since the first day of Nov. last-which as near as I could get to it-was about \$110 exclusive of what was purchased in Troy- of this all was paid excepting between 8 & 9 dollars. Very suddenly appeared this morning or rather noon our neighbor S. Loomis with his wife, daughter Delia, sister Sally & Miss Eliza Smedley- the last being waited upon here in expectation of her parents coming from the furnace where the whole party had been for a ride. They soon arrived & obliged us with a pleasant short visit- Mr. L. & people withdrawing themselves pretty soon after Smedley, lady & youngest daughter appeared. The ladies retired to the S. room chiefly-leaving the kitchen to me & cousin Levi with whom discourse on common topics- Dairying, wool-growing &c- snow deeper in Williamstown than here. no business of any importance carried on- Got up his full supply of wood previous to the deep snows- Calculating next May on going, with his lady & another gentleman & lady-conveyed by his own team, to the State of Ohio to see the country, his own & wife's relatives- not only there but on the way thither-say in Steuben Co. N.Y. Improved a short interval in addressing a short letter to J.A. Wight in which very little worth recording here, was written. Some remarks were made on the Byron- Wanted a letter from him- Told him it was understood he was not in Williamstown.

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Requested him to come home if things moved against him-mentioned good condition of cows- Hoped, if it should square with his calculations, he would assist in purchasing cows this Spring. Having supp'd the Williamstown friends departed. Besides the above letter, which they engaged to deliver to W. if there and if not

to enquire his residence & forward by mail-Wrote another for H.Waters in reply to that which he rec'd from G.V.Hoosen- Signifying his willingness to do the job-inability to meet the committee as proposed- his readiness to receive proposals at his residence at all times-Signing my name under the appellation of an old Friend. Got leave of Hiram to keep said Hoosick letter as a memorial of friend G.V.Hoosen with whom I became acquainted in Dec. 1806. The very handwriting he then so gracefully executed agrees almost exactly with that which he now practices. Completed the reading of Moore's Byron with some few exceptions in the Appendix. Translated from one of St.Paul's Epistle's-The Will &c. Hiram Waters drove his wood drawing assisted by Black Charley-had 2 teams in his employ't Hopkins got the colt shod at Deac.Winslow's-much to his satisfaction. Boys butchered fowls in the evening. Hopkins had lately commenced reading Rob. Crusoe.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5. Wind-three fourths of the day blew very high & most cuttingly from W. & N.W. flying clds-very cold-thawed but slightly-Merc. 30°-38°-17°-13°-10°- Geo. Hopkins, his mother & sister enjoyed a sleigh ride to Hoosick Falls in two cutters- Mr.Brown generously furnishing one of them without charge or expense. Their chief resort was to the houses of J.Rogers & S.Burtis-boys to machine shop &c-Returned about 8 in the evening. Henry Warren appeared here this morning to request the privilege of tapping some maple trees in the vicinity of H. Waters' wood lot. The affair of getting away the beechen trees was discussed- He confessed the deed, but plead leave from my father- I insisted on its not having been understandingly given-should have pay for the same- must go for what was due him. Father went up to inspect the trees which Mr.W. wanted to tap-and made up his mind to give a flat denial, not only in accordance with what he felt to be for his own interest, but as greatly for the benefit of our neighbor who could employ himself much more profitably. Late in the day he came to me & said he had given up the project of making sugar in those woods-would pay for the wood above mentioned either in timber or rails-stood in great need of the ~~sum~~ I owed him- Told him it exceeded two dollars by a small fraction, but all things considered-ought not to be more than that- so he consented to accept an order on F.Blackmer's store amounting to 2 dollars as payment in full. Much of this day was spent in the Centre Village. Dined at H. Waters'- Carried to N.L.Rob's Moore's Byron-thanking cous. Heman for the prusal thereof. Called on Dr, N.Swift-made him acquainted with a small complaint in the head- After listening to me attentively & feeling my pulse-gave me some pills with orders to take one three times a day. A few words were exchanged respecting cows & then I left. Staid awhile at Sanford, B & Co's where saw E.D.Hubbell who among

other facts said he owned about 20⁰ acres improved land-lacking only about 11 acres lately sold to Capt. Martin Scott who had nearly succeeded in purchasing back all the pieces that were formerly sold off from the farm of his late father. Our friend Hubbell enquired for Bank Stock-would purchase eight or 10 shares in the Bennington Bank if it were not too dear- Don't know as I am entirely correct as to the amount wanted. Had lately been to Troy where he heard of a man from Arlington who obtained for cheese sold by the quantity 10 cents pr lb. At Frank Blackmer's saw another gentleman who stated that the article was worth in Adams, Ms, 14 cs-great quantities having been, according to reports, frozen during the severe weather. Saw David Robinson, Jun'rn having some intercourse with two gentlemen who engaged in renovating old feather beds by a patent process of late invention. They were at Sanf'd & B's store-I read some of their recommendatory papers-signed by persons belonging in Manchester, Sunderland & Atlington. At N.L. Robinson's paid C.S.Pool 31 cs for fixing straps on the forward end of horse blanket-saw him there when I delivered the vols. of Byron to cous.Heman-buying paper tobacco.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6. W. wind played up most cruelly nearly all day-pretty fair sky too became hazy in the eveg. Very sharp morning indeed- Merc. 4°-10°-12°-27°-21°

Father, Geo.P. Hopkins, his mother & Adeline went to meeting. After reading a part of the 7th C. of St.Luke and a few pages of the History of the Rebellion in Scotland-1745-1746 commenced & held on writing without much cessation until late in the evening. My sister Lydia came down on the 5th from H.Watters' with little Adeline who in the evening was taken home by her mother who came specially for that purpose. L. staid here over night & returned to Hiram's this morning.

Mrs Wrisley came this day to the great good fortune of receiving a call from her husband. He said something of conveying away his children to Pennsylvania-as I understood it from her. She was, & had been for a few days past considerably out of health. Geo.P. attended an evening meeting at the Academy from which he did not return until late.

MONDAY, MARCH 7. Cold tolerably fair-many broken flying clds seen- Wind variable in the mg. but settled down at last N.W. Merc. 25°-24°-22°-18°-6° in the evening. The last cow beef for the season was butchered & dressed by G.P.Harwood assisted some by Hopkins. The name of her was "Black Star"-of middling size, character good as a milker. -being farrow & getting old (nearly 14) though active & full of playful pranks-it was judged most proper to serve her in this way. Hopkins always called her his cow & from the time he was first employed in the milking business which was at an early age-she was his favorite & continued

so to the present day. She lacked a day of being o of the same age.- Quality of the beef very fair. Weighed in full 548 3/4 lbs of which 65 were hide & 45 3/4 do were tallow. Committed a mistake on the first inst. in setting down the number of cows- ought to have been written 28-leaving us now 27. Another ,committed Feb 25-should also be correct- ed. The sum of 35 cents should not be added to \$2.07 in favor of H.Warren. The latter sum already including the former as may be fully shown by in- specting Day Books, B & C. Turn back to the 5th. Beef mostly cut up. Geo.P. began working for us-to hold on 9 months from this date - at \$106 for the whole term. Father sawed some wood &c. H Waters' teams continued drawing wood.

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7th CONTINUED- Mrs Kent paid short visit to the ladies P.M. At night en- tertained Mr. Bridges of Williamstown who had been to Harmon's to inspect some cows which were in the care of the Bakers; but owned by a gentleman of Wm'st of whom he had a prospect of buying them. Very sociable during the evening & at the conclu- sion prayed with us. I employed a part of the time in perusing "Chamber's Scotch Rebellion-1745-46- Liked it pretty well too. Hay was now said to be selling at \$15 per ton hereabouts & for \$20 in Troy.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8. Fair & cold-more especially in the morning-very searching air all day- Wd. N.W. Merc. 2°-24°-23°-12°-Eveg. Did not inspect therm't mid-day. Absent most of the day assisting Geo.P. at retailing beef-Rather dull sales. Applied to many who did not or would not buy-no matter about that-all well enough. Took down names, quantities & prices and at the winding up lost a silver pencil belonging to my son worth 62 1/2 cs.

Sold to John Hicks Esqr, 10 1/2 lbs at 6 cs- rec'd payment 63 cs-capt A.Hyde 4 1/2 Do- at 6- Rec'd pay 27 cs- Hiram Blackmer 6 lbs 3 oz-Paid 37 1/2 cs- J.S.Robinson Esqr 8 lbs-Paid 48 cs- Smith Montague 15 1/4 Do Paid 91 cs. D.Love 19 3/4 -Paid \$1.18 3/4.-B R Sears 7 lbs at 6- Paid 42 cs- Drove to De e.S.Hinsdill's where they talked low in regard to price. Wanted none at the storeMade some trial among the villagers, but met with but little success. Sold J.S.Flagg 8 1/4 lbs at 6 cs- Rec'd payment in store notes-50 cs. Sold to Moon 9 3/4 lbs, at 5 1/2 cs, Paid in the same way 53 cs. To B W Jackson on acc't 11 lbs at 6"- 66 cs. To widow Gibson 11 lbs or thereabouts-tow'd which rec'd 25 cs by the hand of W.Haswell Esqr. of the remainder-made acct- Donation between us amounting to 55 cs. There passed that way Lyman Lawrence who gave me an invitation to buy 2 cows of him- Could not at this time. Visited store, bo't 2 lbs tea at 75 cs-tow'd which paid \$1.08 in their currency &

the remainder in money- Druggist Edgerton absent in town. Came away past noon-Made short halt near the paper-mill- Bentons, Ruttenbur &c gathered round- bo't nothing-only sold to Brainard the miller-6 lbs 13 ozs at 6 cs. 40 cs to apply on acc't- Took new road to E.Village-sleighing some worn out. Saw Wager, Nelson Duncan, Bill Pratt & others at & about Jonathan Pratt's Tavern. Sold Harrison 9 1/2 lbs and rec'd for it 32 cs-according to quality- To Hodges (15 lbs) 3 lbs-Paid 15 cs. To Jno, Pratt 16 1/2 at 6" Paid 99 cs. P. very busy waiting upon company of not the highest order. Sam Thayer applied for & would have been gratified with being trusted with a piece, but we held on. Another gentleman came up very shortly-rec'd & paid therefor 11 3/4 lbs at 6- 70 cs. Called on deac. Winslow-sold him 23 1/2 at 5 cs. & 25 1/4 at 6-total \$2.69 on acc't. Saw and got leave of Mr. Doolittle to borrow his scale beam which we accordingly took & bro't home. On turning round for home called on Mr. Holmes who paid 2/0 for apples bo't last Fall. Fore part of the day met Capt Ira Hawks & paid him for transportation of load of plaster-\$3.75-wanted to bring me another ld- at \$3.50 but I wanted no more at present. Saw A.J. Haswell respecting pay for use of cider press-said should have it. Mr. Bridges after breakfast prayed with us- conversed some on Religion besides-took friendly leave & was off. Leaving home for Algiers called at F. Blackmer's-paid 10 cs for 2 sks thread & rec'd N.Y. Spect, of Mar 3 in which was the Trial of the Inventor of the Infernal Machine -Resignation of Senator Tyler of Virginia &c. Also let me have the Daily Intelligencer of Feby 25. Our ladies rec'd the company of Misses Betsy & Lucy Street this P.M.-also Mrs Kent came over a short time to get advice & assistance respecting the illness of her cow-now kept by Norman Norton. She said there was prevalent a sort of distemper-such as that which hers had, among herds of cattle. Levi Jewett's for one. H Waters still engaged at getting wood. Father this day worked busily at our wood-pile. Sold for cash 143 1/2 lbs beef-amounting to \$8.23 cs.

WED, MARCH 9.

Commenced cold-but gradually soften'd down many degrees- however it was chilly thawy March weather. Merc. 4 4°-28°-39°-33°-28°- Wind bravely S no mistake. Father, G & H rode off-the first to P. Harwood's Esqr visiting-the others to Dr. McKee's, Arlington, with the same view. Conveyed hide to Barton's with whom settlement was had in full-Receiving payment of \$6.07 cs. The old gentleman weighed the hide on their scales & made it 2 lbs less than by our steel-yards-& these gave the same this morning that was given on the day it was taken off-so his son allowed our weight. I performed necessary offices at the barn-puzzled much at making up a correct bill of sales for the 8th-but could not bring it out quite right. The ladies-Adeline excepted-out of health-made it the order of the day to patch & mend

meal bags. I measured up 20 bbls rye, & put the same in bags to forward to mill- That is, if no mistake was made. Must own once for all that I was always a blunderer.

Mother is showing her very great respect for the memory of my late paternal grandfather roundly asserted that he was "a likelier man than any son he ever left behind him," which is more than I am willing to allow, however highly I revere his good name. More I say not. Past 7, I think, when our party got home! Several pages of 1745 were perused. People acted then as they would & do in these days- very unwisely- knowing not what to do first. Turn back to Monday for particulars respecting the beef-weight &c- Sold on acct lbs 93-\$3.75 which added to that which bro't ready pay-made lbs 210 1 oz-total sum \$11.99-add hide 65 making lbs 275 1 oz-bringing an aggregate of \$15.24 cs. What was sold on acct passed to my credit-the same as ready cash & therefore answered just as good a purpose, leaving for home consumption and to give away about 163 lbs.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10. Great thaw-Very strong S. wind-heavy rain from 3 o' 4 P.M. until about 8 in the evening. Merc. 38°-50°-45°-43° Accompan'd by my son-conveyed to the grist mill, S. Walbridge's, 22 bbls rye of which 2 only was bolted for bread. During the operation of grinding went to B.W. Jackson's & to Deac. Hinsdill's- At the former place made settlements of accts up to the present date. Jackson's bill of shoes &c amt'd to \$2.89 Since Jan 18 last. Mine-being 66 cs- for beef &, for 27 1/2 lbs calf skins sold in Troy-\$20.40 came to \$21.06- leaving balance due me by July 15 of \$18.17 after subtracting his acc't therefrom. I requested him to pay bill at Hinsdill's (\$6.79) Said he would if they would receive their paper in payment. I assured him that we should continue calling on him for work as usual.

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At the Deacon's saw a considerable number of goers & comers as usual. Deac. S. spoke handsomely & feelingly respecting the case of Mr. Esty-who some weeks since had the misfortune to have his factory burnt down.- thereby sustaining a loss of say about \$13000-on which there was an insurance of \$6000 by the Vermont Mutual-which refused to pay over because it was reported that there was fraud in the affair. I will not vouch for the correctness of my statement-my aim being merely to show from what was related-how the innocent may suffer. Saw Daniel Rogers-the great wool grower of Hoosick, N.Y. Stated that he was married in Feb 1810 to Miss Betsy Loomis-who (was born April 1788-himself the May following) Their eldest child, a daughter, if I mistake not, had been married 2 years-raised one child-so of course he, Daniel was "Grandfather". Owned about 1600 head of sheep of which not far from half were kept at the West. Possessed McAdam stock to am't of \$1600.-

if I rightly recollect-all which had been paid over. Whole cost of Road \$200,000- Tolls rec'd last year amounted to enough to pay interest on the sum it cost to build the first 10 miles. Mr. R being a first rate farmer had purchased 2 apparently excellent dungforks-made at Berne, N.Y. Stated number of children raised by himself & lady to be 5. Bo't nothing at the store save 1 lb crackers-for which paid 10 cs. Read some observations in "Whelpley's Compend" on Gov't-ver appropriate in my opinion. Came up to the mill so as to hit about right. Made settlement with Fed. Brainard, the miller-who since 12th Nov. last including pres't grist had ground 34 1/4 bushels grain- which at 4" amounted to \$1.37". Now paid him \$1. adding 40" for beef-made a \$1.40-called it even because he had no change-to pay the fraction. He had no acct of his own to refer to-trusting all to me. See Jour'l Nov 12, 1835 On our way home began to rain. Called at H. Waters for father who had intended to saw wood there, having rode up with us in the morning, but circumstances operated against him so that he performed, comparatively little. In the evening was again entertained with Chamber's Rebellion in Scotland-1745-6 Becoming drowsy-resorted to talking nonsense, if you please,, to keep up my spirits.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11. S. wind & thaw held on jointly until sometime in the morning. Wind then gradually halled round N.W. kept increasing in force up to a late hour of the eveg. Flying clds-thaw not abating until 4 or 5 P.M.-froze solid at night-Merc. 43°-30°-25°-20°- Ordinary home affairs-including the proper adjustment of beef & of which G.P. took the lead being first attended to-afternoon-father & that young gentleman attended Friday meeting at which much business of importance was disposed of-including the disaffected members of the C. who wanted to be set off by themselves-residing mostly in E. Village & the E. part of Bennington and the case of our cousin Nelson Duncan who was said to leading a loose life. It must not be understood that final action was had in these cases, but they were put in proper train for future discussion &c &c.

The same part of the day I went to the S. part of District No. 2 taking census of scholars residing in it under 18 & over 4 years of age. According to the best information I could get the number amounted to 38- four more than in 1835- Returns to be dated, as the law requiree on the first inst. Let me correct, as to numbers-For 1835 there were 32-1836 there were 38. Called first at Jason Sibley's- Has' had just got home from carrying ld ware to Ludlow, Ms- Not so much snow in that section as here- Hoosick River very high-two bridges in Pow'l Wright's & Vosburgh's carried off. Saw old Mr. Sibley here- J's father- No. child'n 3. Counted one for New't Bates-Wells M. Wrisley living with him at this time. Made enquiry respecting the children of Lyman Sibley which on List was rated at 4. At Judge Luman's

halted a moment talking with Newt Bates who was opening cellar drain-much water having collected in cellar-Judge absent on collecting & sales route at the N. Added to List one at his house Lucy Manchester-little girl-Bad walking. Proceeding to school house-saw a pretty smart looking young man of 19-son of Obed Jackson residing at the Eli Carpenter place-who gave me the No. in his father's family amounting to 5-and 2 more for the Town poor. For Sam Loomis 2, his youngest daughter being one of them. Miss Perry's school continued yet-Walking on to the last house this side Pow'l line-Morgan's called in-the parents absent-grand parents present-added 2 to List. Turned about-called at the old House house-built in 1798-First Ball celebrated there first of Jany. 1799-See Dec. 22-1815. Now occupied by Mr Thompson, late of Pownal, son-in-law of Libeus Barney-Took possession ab't the 10th ult. One of their children, & a girl living with them-added 2 more to the List. Conversed much with Jona F. Billings who complained sorely of rheumatic & cough, the latter seemed to defy all remedy, according to his representation. He told me of a very efficacious recipe which I took in writing-near the end of one of my hand books-formerly say in 1826-28 used as a cash book. Creeping homeward moderately gave brief call on Lydia & Gideon House-the latter had lame foot-John Searls present employed at drawing wood for them. Obtained information touching Mrs Sophia Duncan & family-Negro girl not 18 until next Fall-To be set down 3 on the List. Exchanging a few jokes closed the scene. Called next at Eunice & Levi Jewett's-Levi & wife gone to Lenox, Ms. on a visit-children on List 5 & for the former 2. Finette keeping house at her father's. Adeline with her grandmother & Aunt Eunice. Old lady 74 in April next. School had been kept in Dist. year past 26 wks Came up to Judge Luman's where saw & talked with William Bates about building wall for us the opening season-Should not work by the month this year. Requested to have a few days notice when it would be our pleasure to have said fence built. I want to say that Lydia House told me the best boy that ever lived under her care, or one that she most felt for, was Reynolds McGown-an orphan child-bidding fair now to be a fine man. Got home early in the evening-Read battle at Preston-Sept 21, 1745-Very sanguinary-Eng. Army made no stand at all. Streams extremely high-Jewett's Brook & all

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SATURDAY, MARCH 12. Very keen weather-constant stiff breeze-N.W. Wd-fair-

Roads unusually icy-Mercury-6°-20°-14° at sunset-8° in the evening. Rode up to H. Waters with father- & Hopkins-Went to Sanford & B's & Co store where Hiram yet was getting papers drawn up by Jas. E. Merrill-Dr. Heman Swift, G R Sanford, & others present. Being requested by the latter gentleman to set the names of my father & self to a subscription for the support of the Rev'd Edward W. Hooker as pastor of

the Congregational Church in Bennington- with a proviso annulling all former subscriptions standing against the subscribers(signers)-I say our names were set against the sum of \$10 to be paid annually during his ministry. Wrote billet to Benj-W. Jackson giving direction respecting the boots he engaged to make for Hopkins when last we saw him. Left the same at Riddle's-Saw in Bar Room a number of persons among whom was David Rutenbur with whom conversed on the late thaw-rise of streams-Building State House at Montpelier-Removal of Capitol or Seat of Gov't from Albany to N.Y.-No, I mean to Utica- Something in general of Politicks &c &c- David complained of ill health. On short notice agreed to go on foot with Hiram Waters to Harper Rogers'-Hoosick- Before starting called on Dr. N. Swift to inform him that I would see his cows on a more convenient day-He said that would do-wished me to make inquiry so as to know what they were worth-not knowing himself- Told him I would. We resolutely entered upon the performance of said tour. Beyond the line came in contact with the McAdam Road on the Flat this side Farmer's Inn-escaped, narrowly, being swamped (better written "swamp'd") Arrived at Mr. R's past noon. Very courteously rec'd by my old friend Garret Van Hoosen & his brother-in-law Washington R. [The old gentleman Mr. Harper Rogers was present & full of chat on former days- Lost 4000 dollars by W S Cardell of whom he spoke very contemptuously as a man of business-affirming that if all the hard heads in Vermont were to have been converted into gold & placed at his disposal-he would not have had property. His late brother Daniel who died at 70 years of age in June 1830, and himself were drawn unwarily into the pecuniary concerns of John Lovett Esqr-1806-7 or 1810 from which they extricated themselves without much other harm than a vast deal of chasing anxiety of mind, some ill usage & all such plagues as are attendant on responsibilities. Gave some account of the troubles which grew out of the unlimited confidence placed by his brother in Cardal or Cardel-whose debts amounted in 1814 or 15 to about 21000 dollars-all which had to be assumed by the former-never recovering afterwards more than \$3000. Friend G V being one of the meeting house Committee could not pay that attention to me he would otherwise have done- Occasionally conversed with me on various topics-hoped I would renew former friendship- Very great admirer of the Administration of Andrew Jackson-The old gentleman was as much the other way-I talked exactly to his liking-The usual complaints on the part of the Whigs were brought &c &c- Our friend Charles Bowker of Searsburgh, Vt, & a stranger to whom I was introduced, name not recollected-put in for the job at \$1900- Hiram W. at \$1750 & Ed M. Welling at \$1600-to whom it probably would be or actually was given. With many compliments from my friend we took leave at sun about 1 hour above the horizon. Forgot to state that as we were going down-made forcible entrance

into the old Mapleton Meetinghouse- 38 by 28 if I rightly recollect what was told by old Mr.R-No great value in that -Signs were very conspicuous of the late occupation by Irishman & families-scattering potatoes, onions & other vegetables were seen in various parts. Very indifferent boards were used in finishing- indeed for a house of worship it was a most singular concern-now mostly in ruins. We returned in the manner we went out-meeting the Western Stage not half a mile or more from the Village-arriving at Hiram's before it was fairly dark -Didn't stay to supper-Damia gave me a piece of pie & I came directly home. Perused more of 1745-after Preston battle.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13. Most unusually cold-especially in the morning-wind blew in a Southwardly direction-sblowed 2 or 3 hours before sunset-not amounting to much however-Merc. 3° below zero to begin with-Noon, 28° tow'd sunset 18°-these last should read above Zero- Father, G.P. & Adeline & Mrs Wrisley went to meeting. I read 3d Chapt of Acts and a part of the 8th St. Luke- a part of the 38th Ezekiel & another chapt in a Book not recollected concerning the Shepards-Metaphorically applied to the Priesthood & their charge. Wrote out Journal. Rec'd visit from S.Burtis, Orville & Jane Parsons- All well at the Falls. Water rose very high in Hoosick River-one post of the Falls bridge broken. Whitehouse bridge not passable on account of the flowing of the River this side. Adeline went home with our Hoosick friends-B engaging to wait upon her back again. Evening past 10 o'clock Storm from the S raging most tediously-thermometer when last seen, which was not far from 9 o'clk, -standing at 18°-above zero. Dreadful for poor unhoused, ill fed cattle. G Van Hoosen said he was born Jan. 1789 of course only a few months younger than myself. On the road this side Deac. Dimick's met Henry Parsons in lumber cutterladen with 1/2 ton stove castings after his own pattern-on his way home from the Pocket Furnace in East N. Bennington. I mean these three last lines above as emendatory of Saturday's proceedings. Uncle Harper stated that he soon should be 72 years of age-Formerly-in old Embargo Times was a staunch Federalist. John Lovett Esqr was in 1806-7 a merchant in Bennington-None went before him in relating laughable anecdotes- none could touch him in accurate mimicry- But after all, his affairs became so involved as to make him a pest to his friends. Such mens friends of necessity at last be their enemies. No lasting friendship where all is tug & toil. Benj. R. Sears & hands on Thursday last started for Middlebury, Vt, where they were going to work at repairing a factory lately partially destroyed by fire said to be the property of Deac. S. Hinsdill, by whom they were employed. On Saturday George was deputed by this family to convey a portion of provisions for the relief of Judah Harwood & family-The lady of that gentleman having some few weeks since represented their case

as very sad & needy-soliciting alms-by letter-
This cousin of my father was the eldest of the
family raised by my great uncle Stephen Harwood-
born in 1775-say in June-was married more

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than thirty years since to a
lady whose name I do notm re-
collect- Main residence-E. part of Bennington-always
poor-and recently much afflicted with sickness in
his family. This Sunday morning Geo.P. commenced
foddering hay off the West scaffold-~~See~~ first &
seventh March concerning hay & stock-Remained in
new barn 3/4 ton of hay. There was on hand 7
courses of dry wood-W end of wood shed.

MONDAY, MARCH 14- Comparatively a warm morning-
afterwards wind hauling round
N.W. grew cold. There was a moderate fall snow over
night-and some fell this day but nothing of much
import- Cloudy-Merc. 36°-33°-29°-28°. The cheese
put up in casks & stored in the barn-Nov 26, 1835-
was taken out, partially brushed up & stored in cup-
board in the house- No. cheeses 22-weighing about
1700 lbs. Father picked over apples in cellar-ab-
stracting those affected with rot. Cousin Nathan
waited upon his lady hither for a visit- Returning
himself to his shop. Had on hand one young calf-
offspring of the cow called Dimick Red. Washing &
mopping prosecuted as usual with much spirit &
activity here. Cheese in good order-nothing frozen
nor rotten. During the evening in spite of drowsi-
ness read that part of "Rebellion 1745-6" touching
the invasion of England-march to Derby & retreat
back to Scotland in the midst of Winter. The re-
treat was conducted most skillfully on the part of
Prince Charles-or rather under the guidance of his
general in chief Lord George Murray-a most valuable
officer.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15. Pretty clever sound March weath-
er-Flying clds-chilly N. blasts
which prevailed very steadily most of the day-
Slightly stormy on Shaftsbury & Manchester mountains-
Merc. 18°-25°-32°-24°. About noon supposed I saw
the mercury at 42°-but afterwards concluded I was
wrong-presuming it must have been 32°- at which it
remained but a short time.

Manure enough was conveyed by sleigh loads to
cover the patch of N. Meadow plowed up on or about
the 19th Nov. last- See Jour'l of that date. Father
prepared woodshed for reception of wood. Wells M.
Wrisley spent the day here. Rec'd the company of
Mrs Waters & children-Miss L. Harwood & Mrs Em'j
Judd-Mrs M. Robinson continuing with us through the
day. Mrs E.K. Warren dropp'd in a few moments,

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16. Tolerably pleasant-pretty
cold. Wind mostly from the N.
until late in the day-when it came out of the S.

Merc. 6°-20°-26°-30°-33°-28°- down to 20° in the eveg. Ten or 11 loads of manure in the manner above mentioned were distributed on ground plowed up about the same date in the S. Meadow. All hands rode in 2 horse sleigh up street-father & self left by the boys at the old doctor Swift place to look at cows-under the care of Mr. Graves- Cows being stabled could not view them advantageously-put it over to another day- Boys returned bringing us with them from Street with a letter from J.A.Wight and another from Hon. H.Hall- The former mainly stating that he had returned from Pittsfield where kept school 5 weeks-very pleasantly spent-vastly pleased with himself and the World &c &c &c. The other gave great encouragement respecting the cause of Harrison-Delegation of Vermont well pleased with what the Whig Conventions of this State had done. Van Buren going down. So say the Whigs. But mark, my dear Sir, When the Elections actually take- the W's will sing small. They generally realize their victories ere the ballots are fought-Events turn out against them- We may assume this language as generally applicable to the history of the Party-the last 7 or 8 years-in a National point of view. Jacksonism & V.B.ism, however, have no charms for me. Mr. John Knowlton, feather bed cleanser-introduced himself here -making known his chief calling in connection with others-solicited business of us & obtained one bed to do by way of experiment-at \$1. Talked over much stuff in relation to it which I pass over. Place of residence, Brandon Vt. Said our little pedlar J.W.Cobb was located in Burlington, Vt. See Dec'r & Jan & Feb 1833-34. This feather speculation was carried on in the old Wallace store-lower story. Spent the evening almost exclusively writing an answer to the letter of J.A.Wight-Bad enough writing it over once without being obliged to copy it here. Invited him, if he could, without injury to his business, come up & assist in buying cows. The leading facts of the Journal were mentioned-and some nonsense besides. Fisk Harmon was said to have been married on the 15th to Miss Semantha, daughter of John Austin & sister of the lady of Rich'd Carpenter. Wight stated the snow to be 6 feet deep in Pittsfield-no bare ground seen there since the last big thaw-great deal of snow in Williamstown, but much less than in P. Provisions forwarded early in Feb. were consumed & paid for by his class mate Crawford-would make returns on a future day. From B.R.Sears were bro't a washing machine & table-the latter being very thoroughly repaired-the former new-materials-except irons which were made by Henry Norton, all furnished by the builder N.L.Robinson came down & waited upon his lady home-in Bailey's cutter.

THURSDAY MARCH 17. Very chilly S. wind-rained some P M & evening-kept growing mild all day-at the same time-by no means pleasant- Merc- 27°-30°-33°-36°- Eveg. up to 50°- All hands, including one of our ladies-sallied forth in the lumber sleigh this morning on special business. Father, Geo.

& self to view cows at the old Dr. Swift place. Wife & son continued on road to the Centre Village where she bo't bill of goods at F. Blackmer's-including bedtick-11 yds at 21 cs-amounting in all to \$2.53 paid in full.-retired to H. Waters to await our call- Hopkins meantime made an unsuccessful attempt to get horseshoeing done at Ogden's-but the shop was empty & deserted. As to these cows-when all assembled in the yard ready for inspection-accompanied by Dr. S, Mr. Graves, & son-six head such as we considered most to our liking-excepting a lame one which the doct. said we must take in the bargain-were selected-and prices fixed which made up a bill of \$130-to be given on taking them away this day or tomorrow. But we had no hay for this additional stock-nor could we buy it for less than \$15 pr ton-That was not all- These creatures had been very closely kept-nearly all were excellent "crow baits" Mr. Graves had mix'd a goodly proportion of straw with his hay as he fed to his stock & it was his business, according to contract, to continue feeding them until the first of April next

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when his time-on the premises would expire-and probably his strawing process would be preserved to the last moment- It was proposed at first that he should have charge of them up to that day- But this was soon abandoned. We were to take them away forthwith-to buy 1 1/2 tons of hay of Graves at \$15-and if that quantity proved insufficient, which on our part was fully maintained, the doctor engaged to look it up (not furnish it) for us. The prospect of buying such a lot so near at hand-& the undisputed probability of their coming in early-nearly made me overlook all objections, of which there were many & very strong ones, and confirm the bargain. But knowing my weakness in bargaining-would not go too fast- Previous to going into particulars we had left the yard & seated ourselves by a warm stove in the kitchen-where it was finally agreed that we should have-until tomorrow morning for deliberation. E. D. Hubbell was said to have faintly put in for 3 of said cows and as it stood could take them on complying with certain terms-should he call within the time prescribed. So we, Geo & self (father having gone home on foot) walked up to Riddle's-took sleigh, Hopkins driver, rode to Post Office-entered Wright's-or my letter to W-proceeded to horse shed of D. Love-left team-boys went to see the feather cleansing machinery. I called on John C Haswell for settlement-Saw J. S. Robinson Esqr, Col. Merrill & M. L. Selden-of whom the last spoke of a prediction which he made early in Feb. concerning the weather-viz-that it would hold out rough-slug-severe through most if not all that month-as having been more than fulfill'd. Made settlement rather carelessly- because did not men-quire the price of the paper which understood was to be \$1 3/4. He accepted of my demand on his brother

Anthony for use of cider press \$2, and 50 cs for butter-leaving balance due him \$1.50 which I paid in hand-accepted as payment in full for Gazette from Jan 1, 1834 to Jan 1, 1836- \$4.00- There were two charges for cheese, one of which he formerly agreed to allow- amounting together to \$1.67-the lesser one being 65 cs-that which, as he was then boarding with his brother-in-law, Darius Clark, he agreed, as above stated to allow-and I presume would at this time, had I attended to him a little more closely. On turning to Jour'l of Feb 14, 1835-find particulars respecting these charges to which I would refer. I see it is not expressed there quite agreeably to my statement here that he would accept of the part of the cheese acc't here pointed out-but I believe such was talked of by him. Came down the hill, visited the cow-yard & barns of Dr. Heman Swift-saw some well looking-full fed cows and mows of good hay-a few tons of which would sell at \$15- Offered also to part with his cows, such as he did not know whether they were good bad or indifferent- or such as he actually knew were not first-rate- The best he meant to keep for his own use. While we were thus employed Fayette Dickinson came to enquire for oxen-apparently desirous of buying. Rode directly home in front of a faint rainstorm beginning to arise from the S. Usual concerns were attended to- In the evening perused Hist. of Scottish Rebellion subsequent to the Battle of Falkirk in which the Highland Army was victorious, but did not follow it up as was for the interest of Prince Charles-instead of which-commenced retreating to the N- Duke of Cumberland slowly following. The latter was a bloody cruel iron-sided Royal hangman. Mr. Chambers, I think, made out an interesting piece of History respecting that singular affair.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18. There prevailed very high N.W. wind-grew cold-Thermometer, however, kept pretty steadily at about 32°- Went early to Dr. N. Swift's and negatived the proposed contract of yesterday- & bought the cow called "Short Teat" at 26 dollars-payable at short notice. This was a fine animal reared on our farm in 1824-sold, some time in December 1833, to Joel H. Thomas for \$19. Made an unimportant call at the store of F. Blackmer Seeing a stranger passing, seated upon a box mounted on the running part of an old cutter, before which he drove a pretty good white horse, got permission to ride as far as the poplar lane. The gentleman, I think, said he came from Chester-Ms, with cott. cloth to the calico works at N. Adams-thence to the S. part of Shaftsbury-or perhaps even to Arlington-Snow very deep in that part of the country to which he belonged-in his estimation not exceeding an average of 4 ft- Understood price of cheese asked in Cheshire to be 10 1/2 cs-one dairyman even refused 12 1/2 c- The last case amused us a good deal-both being of the opinion that we should have accepted of the offer- He was on his return home-distant about 60 miles. Father & Geo. P. employed themselves at chopping AM P.M. attended Friday meeting-Hopkins waited upon them

thither- on their return drove home the cow just mentioned -During A.M. H had mare shod at S.Chandler's-forward shoes being set. My principal occupation being that of filling these pages. Mr.Knowlton took away 3 beds to cleanse-returned one done. Between 3 & 4 P.M. burnt down the Pocket Furnace of Sanford,Brown,Grover in East Village. They were doing good business as I understand-Quite a loss & disappointment. Seven in the evening,was informed that the building burnt was not the P.F.-but only a small barn close by-belonging to the P.Furnace Co. considerable quantity of grain saved-a number of waggons,sleighs-great quantity pf stove castings were stored there-the former utterly destroyed,the latter much injured. We were happy to hear that it was no worse. Derived information from Terry Higgins, B's Irishman. Near sunset rec'd call from Mr.Southworth,Ck of Cal Brown Esqr who examined & made an offer of 9 1/4 cs for cheese delivr'd in Troy-50 cs a piece for casks. S aid his employer had bo't up more than 100,000 lbs cheese in Cheshire & vicinity-Highest price pd 9 1/2 cs. Stated that Mr.B told him he bought our Dairy last Fall 2d hand. Doubtful in my opinion-but if true- a feather in our cap. Invited him to tarry the night-declined-saying he was in pursuit of lumber-must visit the lumber yard of S.Pratt-Rode off in that direction-seated in good cutter,before which he drove a pretty fine horse provided with bells. Didn't see fit to accept of the offer. wanted to take time for consideration.

SATURDAY,MARCH 19. Cold weather continued-pretty fair-severe N.wd. Merc. 6°-23° 26°-30°-20°- Sunk to 10° in the evening. A few lds wood were drawn up from the foot of the hill back of the opening this side H.Waters gate. P.M. all the cheese on hand was overhauled & put in order. Father mostly employed himself in piling wood under shed. Hopkins I am sorry to add was with him-but stood aloof-offering or giving now & then very feeble assistance and for his unkind,undutiful & disobedient behavior received a Lecture from his father in plain terms. Our feather-bed man,Mr.K. bro't home the beds he had finished & rec'd payment in full \$4- for doing so many beds.

Being the anniversary of my wedding day-1815-many pleasant allusions were uttered by my lady & self bearing on the doings of that period. Not sick of the bargain yet-calculating to hold on at least another year. My Rebellious History was now bro't down to a most interesting period-showing up the bloody cruelties of the Duke of C & his Hellhounds. And then there was Prince C-a most noble character-receiving the protection of the most faithful & devoted people on earth the Highlanders. Any man's blood not running in a Tory's veins-must boil on perusing the shameful,savage,cold blooded,brutal, ignominious treatement rec'd from the Royal Leader, his dastardly officers & army subsequent to the Battle of Culloden-by the poor Highlanders.

Sousin Ed.Robinson,lady & child arrived in the

even made shorty tarry bo't 55 cs worth butter at 20" & returned home.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20. Cold, fair & pleasant-Wd-N.
Merc. 6°-26°-28°- at 3 P.M.
25°- about sunset. Father, G.P., Mrs H & Mrs Wrisley went to church-heard the preaching of Ed.W.Hooker-A.M.- P.M. that of Mr. Kinney of Hinsdillville where Mr.H. officiated in his stead. I read the wanderings of Prince Charles-very interesting indeed-besides newspapers-Rec'd the company of S. Burt's who came out with Ellen M.Parsons, Rebecca Hill and A.M.Harwood-leaving them at church through service-whence he returned & brought them hither-The party left for Hoosick late in the day in fine sleigh drawn by good horses. Mr.B. informed us of a very good sort of gate-a model of which he promised to forward us the first opportunity. To be explicit, should write that Adeline didn't return to Hoosick.

In addition to our 3 farrow cows there were 2 whose calves were butchered the past week-making up 5.

MONDAY, MARCH 21. Tolerably pleasant with until about 3 P.M. when wind arose from the S. grew chilly & cloudy-Snow slowly wasting away- though these late very severe nights were vastly to the contrary. Merc. 9°-40°-28°. Father & Geo.P. worked at chopping & sawing wood. Self & Hopkins were started out for grist mill with corn in the ear & 8 bbls oats. Halted at F.Blackmer's to write a letter to J C Preshe-Troy, N.Y. requesting strict inquiry what cheese was worth in market far & near. Compliments &c- In the store was an old pensioner of Pownal-old Mr.Thorpe-aged as I understood 77- David Bushnell appeared to accompany & advise with him. Capt.P.Dewey & J.Brooks were there also. Called at the P.Office to enter sd letter occasioned me to get another from J.A.Wight enclosing \$25-with instructions to pay over \$8 to J. Hicks Esqr-the remainder to G.P.Harwood-on notes- See Jour'l Aug 15-1835. Pushed on for Walbridge's taking road by the Henderson woods & across lots-coming out by Salem White's-turning E. from his house-thence by young Steb's across bridges to the mill. Left grist.-conveyed old shoes to mend to BW. Jackson's- gave direction how to make boots for Hopkins. Carried cheese hoops to Fuller's-saw one of the young men who appeared engaged in getting up a supply of large oak logs from Mount Anthony out of which they would get staves & heading-My business must stand over to another day-no work at present going on in the shop. Put in to have 5 cheese casks made-Could probably do it ere long. Returned to grist mill-waited grinding-Sat a part of the time by good stove in paper mill. However before being so snugly seated went over the bridge to witness the operation of a circular saw erected for sawing wood-It was fed by Mr. Cooley who performed business in quick style-his wood being handed to him by a

smarty young man who had to move pretty nimbly. Our old sawmill friend Abbott seemed to be a looker on. Saw S. Walbridge Sen along with that man of gold & silver, John Simpson-upon what business did not know. The former took directions from me how to saw the basswood & ash timber deposited in his mill yard. chalked the dimensions on ends of logs-Appletree deferred for further consideration. In the papermill perused Spect of N.Y.-opened & perused W's letter-snagged the two bills- 20 & 5 into my pocket(wallet) Latter part of the letter touched upon the case of poor J. Shaftsbury- Not in his opinion quite sane- His intercourse with the sex might have had a remote tendency in producing his present deplorable state of intellect-laid it chiefly to constitutional construction. Mr. Fuller, one of the partners of the Pap. Mill, worked in the apartment-just as we were coming away-Mr. Ruttenbur (Sen) came in along with one of the Bentons'-bf I recollect aright,& in his usual way began to tell over the ease & blessings attending the life of the farmer &c-to all which I made as many ironical half-in-earnest replies as I could muster. Paid Jed. Brainard in full 48 cs for grinding 4 bbls meal & 8 do oats- He said he calculated on removing W. with his family & effects-therefore should sell his cow-agreed for chance to buy- Came home by Dr. S. R's but did not halt there for want of time. Left School Returns for Dist. No. 2-1836-at Town Clerk's Office. Paid John Hicks Esqr \$8 for J. A. Wight according order. It was in front of his house-built by Burrell Day-hadn't his note by him-would hand it to me or my son another day- Heard him relate an instance of knavery in the present-First or Sec'd Constable of Pow'l- Committed some four years since-or rather it was not committed to the injury of the party on whom it was at first intended to bear. To tell the story short he was indebted to James & John Hicks to the amount of about \$2 against which he was going to hand over unaltered receipt- They caught him in it and he immediately recalled it & paid over the money justly due! Got home in good season. Read Prince Charles's escape from Scotland.-his landing, rejoicing, going to Court &c in France.

This morning sent off 2 letters by way mail-the one to W. E. Brayton Esqr, Adams, Ms. requesting information respecting price of cheese in his vicinity-telling him what offer we had rec'd-what had been heard from Danby, Cheshire,&c- Thanked him for all past favors, compliments to his lady, family. The other to A. B. Cole, Williamstown, making like inquiry-asking besides a written method or plan for preserving & using runnet-Ended with compliments. Bo't 2 qrs lett pap at 2/o pd Blk'r

TUESDAY. MARCH 22 Severe S. wind early in the day-some strong-snowed considerable. Merc. 32°-42°-35°-28°- at ten eveg. Piling wood the chief occupation. Five cows had had calves present season. Went up town in 2 horse sleigh with Hopkins. Paid in full to W. Haswell \$12, taxes, the

whole amount was \$15.10- \$3.10 in State Order-
paid him on the 16th Feb last-See 2d Dec 1835-
He gave Collector's receipt in full.

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Procured 2 of 3 cheese tubs
lately painted at B.R.Sears'
Paint at my expense-Saw Mr.A. ride away with S.
Montague & another lady in an old Stage sleigh.
Called successively at 3 different stores to find
a small keg for a certain use-could find none-Spent
a few moments at Mrs Hall's- Did some business with
Mr.Ogden-Spent short time at Riddle's seeing stages,
baggage, passengers &c- At F.Blackmer's got a late
N.Y.Spect. & returned immediately home-Bro't let-
ter for Mrs Wrisley-probably from her mother-Garrett-
sville-N.Lisbon,N.Y. paid Postage 12 1/2 cs.
Jacksonism triumphed at Washington-old state-vile
nominations-suspended ever so long now confirmed
by the President's tools in that degraded body.
Last evening the lady of Mr. Elihu Wright became
the mother of her 2d child-a very fine male-Mrs
Wrisley was appointed chief nurse-entered upon the
discharge of the duties of her office without loss
of time-sent for her little boy by Mr.Wright to
be with her at his house-late this P.M.
The ladies of this family commenced washing by ma-
chine the present week. H.Waters has wood drawn
from his woods-called in at night & rec'd directions
for making table leaf to be suspended at the S.
side or end of the kitchen for greater convenience
in writing.

WED.MARCH 23. Snowy Russian morning-succeeded
by high N.W.Wind-Fly'g clds-Very
chilly-Merc.22°33°-22°-18°- Visited by Mr. Theoph.
Graves-tenant of Dr. N.Swift since April 1832-in
which year-say fore part of June-bo't cheese press
built by Capt.E.Waters some 15 or 20 years since-
for \$1.25-which he paid me in full this mg. Should
quit farming & remove to Springfield in the neigh-
borhood of manufacturing establishments.Day Bk.B.P50.
Piling wood chief business. Hopkins attends exami-
nation of Ballard's School. Six cows had"Come in!"
Hiram Waters' teams drew wood. Billington & R Day.
Perused a part of Leigh's Letter to Legislature of
Virginia. Very good-

THURSDAY,MARCH 24. Light clds-some stormy P.M.-
feathery snow-Faired off before
night-Extremely sharp chilly morning. Merc.10°-40°-
30°. Business at home the same. Long time spent
in preparation-got ready about 1 P.M. to ride with
my father to E.Village-in 2 horse sleigh- carrying
a few gallons old black cherries preserved in bran-
dy and 2 bushels apples. Called on F.Blackmer to
see if he would buy or could name a price to the
former commodity-could do neither-Gov,Tichenor,Law-
yer Squiers,Capt.P.Dewey & perhaps Mr.Brooks-present.
The two first conversed on Abolition,Constitution

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2. The second part is devoted to a detailed analysis of the results.

3. The third part is devoted to a discussion of the implications of the results for the theory of the firm.

4. The fourth part is devoted to a discussion of the implications of the results for the theory of the market.

5. The fifth part is devoted to a discussion of the implications of the results for the theory of the economy.

of the U.S., Bank, U.S. &c . A boy of Geo. Potter's, 9m or 10 years of age rode with us to E. Village- Told his name. Convey'd apples to Wid Geo. Robinson- at 2/o Rec'd in payment 2 runnets & 27 cs in money- Exchanged compliments with the old lady- At the store of J. Norton proposed to sell cherries- Edward said his father was gone to the farm to get load wood- expected him home soon- probably was then at the house- I walked thither overtaken by a lady that appeared to me to be Mrs Lucretia Squires & as such in the course of my talk with her- alluded to days of our youth when we attended our old District School together- But afterwards believed I was mistaken- her features were those of Mrs. L. Safford, youngest female of the Capt. J. Norton family- On inquiry found my friend had not arrived- Returned to the store- Saw a number of persons there among whom was one who professed great skill in the business of wood chopping- Got him to select a good axe helve- Coomer's manufacture- Which I took & agreed to pay for on my return from the upper end of the Village- Drove up to Deac. Winslow's blacksmith shop- Business apparently lively trip- hammer under motion much of the time. Left axle of hand cart with Mr. Waggon Maker to have body & thills attached for which he would charge \$5- to be done in about 10 days- Work on the old 2 horse waggon- new rims & spokes to hind wheels- \$4.80- wood repairs- Those of iron by Deac W amounted to about \$3. say total of \$8- Visited Doolittle's mill- left 2 beef galls. Heard something from Hamlen unfavorable to Abolition- His son 24 years of age- Merchant at Augusta, Geo. trading annually to am't of about \$40,000. Reported Judah Harwood's family to be in low & distressing circumstances- Their daughter Betsey who had been so long time sick- now of late vastly worse. Receiving assistance- had sleigh put on board of waggon- In that manner we rode home- Halted at J. Nor'ts store- pd 25 cs for axehelve- Saw John at A. P. Lyman's office- seated by the side of his friend Stephen (Day) Dewey- Took him aside or out doors to converse with him- No bargain- Dewey not religious- Jacksonism going ahead- but under some danger respecting the disposal of money in Pet Banks. Came pretty directly home. Assisted about chores at barn. & cows had had as many calves- the 4th butchered this P.M. Evng. read Gov. Tyler's Letter to Legislature of Virginia resigning his seat in Senate of U.S.- Excellent- Cut so close they only ordered 185 copies of it printed. I approve of the language in which he so keenly rebuked those fellows- This expunction is, I must confess, a most childish absurd notion. Hopkins entered Mr. Balch's School this day.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25. Cold- Wd. N.W. Tolerably pleasant Flying clds- Merc. 18°-32°-22°- Stood many hours at 30° Snow yet by fair measurement in woods 2 ft deep on an average- not on hills & bleak places where the wind had blown it off. Sledging never better, to my recollection, at this season. Two lds wood procured from the Grove. all hands out-

✓ P.M. father attended Friday meeting. Geo. & self chopping in Grove & taking good care of cows. Rec'd two letters-the one from my esteemed friend B-Dated 22d Stating in substance that C.B. had actually purchased as much cheese as his Clk said he had-Presumed from the prices given in Cheshire & vicinity- and from representation from me of the article-that we ought to have 9 1/2 cs at home. The other from our good friend J.C. Prescho-Dated Troy, N.Y. Mar. 22. Animating, lively, Made ample inquiry respecting prices in T & N.Y. of sd article wrote very fully & finally summ'd up as his opinion we would do well to get 10-no-9 cs here- Hunter or Malloy & Hunter said it was worth 10 cs in N.Y. Taking the letter in mass-felt highly satisfied therewith-indeed there was nothing in it to make me feel otherwise. All hands laughed heartily on hearing certain parts of it read.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26. Continued cold. Pretty pleas't Real firm winter morning-Good moon at night-wind blowing up very chilly from S. Merc. 8°-27°-34°-22°-20° evening. Two lds more of wood from the place above mentioned wound up that concern as we supposed

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for the season. P.M. conveyed to D. Fuller & Sons in 1 h. wagg materials for making cheese casks & doubling cheese followers, but on arrival found the latter job nearly completed-by waiting an half an hour or so it was finished & pd for at 75 cs. Gave directions for building 5 casks-to be ready for delivery on Tuesday next-by request on return bro't handsome oaken keg iron bound price \$1.12 1/2 as far as Hinsdill's to be filled with molasses for B.R. Sears. N. Edgerton said they were entirely drained of the article- Left the (vessel) cask of course. Saw B.W. Jackson- Boots & shoes done to order & sent to Pool's where could get them as in fact did. It was sharply chilly riding after sunset. Halted a moment to talk with Jed. Brainard about buying cows for which he presumed must have \$30- Offered him \$25 with faint encouragement of giving more- would see me at Town Meeting- Capt. Stebbins Walbridge this day lost his wife- She died in the early part of the day after enduring a short illness-aged 67. And besides it was supposed that the Steam Doctor under whose care she expired hastened her exit. Henry Harwood Esqr, who rode with me as I was going down, was of that opinion-as also that the insanity of Benj. Fenton N. part of the Town-was so occasioned. Halted at Blackmer's & purchased 1 lb tea for Mrs Wrisley-charged on Bk 50 cs- Mrs. W. got it for Mrs Kent in payment for boarding her son Wells- Reached home by fair moonlight between 7 & 8 in the evening. Mrs W. came over late & spent a short time-very lively- Geo. P.M. butchered 2 calves-There had been 9. Mrs Kent informed us of

the death of Mrs Romulus Walbridge after a lingering illness. She must have been not far from 40. Was the daughter of Martin Scott-formerly of our School District-but deceased at Charleston,S.C 1812-Have attended school with her many a fine day. Christian name Emily- Her mother was one of the daughters of the late Wid.B.Billings-named Polly-now known as Wid.Noble.

SUNDAY,MARCH 27. Chilly S. wind in the morning-Grew warm afterwards-snow failed sensibly. Merc. 20°-50°-40°- After the usual rounds were gone through with in the morning-all hands off to church excepting mother & self-Spent an hour or two looking over a sett of old N. Papers-N.Y.Columbian-1818-1819- in which much Congressional matter is embodied respecting the Seminole War & Bank of the U.S. Also perused parts of my Jour'l for 1811- Say that I could not have been more explicit on one point-and probably should have been had I kept it snug-but not taking that course,felt not at liberty so to do. See Apr'l 7-May 23-26 and Aug 21-1811. Omitted mentioning under 26th forwarding letter to J.C.Presho to enquire of Mallory & Hunter-Troy- Whether they knew what was done with our dairy last fall ? Informing him at the same time of what Southworth said here on the 18th & of what Mr. Boon told us Nov.1- See Jour'l 1835. Yesterday Adeline rec'd the company of Mrs Katherine D.Nichols & the Misses Emily Blackmer & Semanthe Robinson-arrived P.M. tarried till early evening-Eveg. wrote letter addressed to Caleb Brown Esqr-Wills'tn signifying that I must have 9 1/2 cs for cheese here- 50 cs for casks- Cheese in good order-should be put up so-quantity about 1800 lbs-might be ready by Wed, next. Desired immediate reply. Speak'g of the article-told him it was just as he liked. Dated forward-Mar 28. Highly delighted this eveg reading Mr. Leigh's letter to the Legislature of Virginia.

MONDAY,MARCH 28. Warm-thawy-snow dissolves away slowly-handsome day-some few thin clouds floating in the atmosphere. Merc. 36°-40°-46°-50°-46°-40°- Sent off letter to C.B. by Hopkins early to the Post Office. N.L.Robinson came in the morning rec'd & paid for 14 lbs butter \$2.80-leaving line from his father that there was a cow for sale at N.Bennington. Father & self by request appraised hogs from Graves to Dr.Swift- 1 male,3 females-1 of the latter having 6 pigs. Pronounced the 4 worth \$40. Same number of females-about the like age in 1832 we then called worth \$48. almost the handsomest we had ever seen--in prime condition-But those now on the carpet were small & thin-not certainly worth as much by all the difference laid between them. At home the chief manual employment was sawing & making up wood for fuel. Geo. butch'd 2 young calves-Were now on the milking list-cows whose calves had been deacon'd Mrs H. washes with the machine built by Benj R.Sears finished off in good season-well satisfied.

Rec'd an evening visit from our respectable neighbor Levi Jewett whose conversation very agreeably entertained us-on surveying lands in Readsboro, Searsburg, Woodford, Glastonbury &c &c-Visiting certain places during the past winter-Fish adventure on Wells Pond! returning from Weybridge, Addison, Co- Afterwards went to Lenox, Ms & to Broadabin N.Y.- Told us of an improved way of cutting up curds before being separated from the whey-by means of an implement made chiefly of wires. Milk at night was set for making cheese.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29. Some chilly-Cldy splashy-Merc. say at 34°-, 36° at night- Rode away with father & G.P. in 2 horse waggon leaving the former at uncle Sam's- Met uncle S. between his house & Nicholls returning from Mrs Wlabridge's funeral-made some inquiries of him respecting the man & his cow at N. Bennington-returned favorable answers. We drove to that Village-by way of Hinsdill's- Called at the Inn of S. Ford & after viewing his property-bargained for it at \$30. To send for it next day- A Mr. Colvin being present intimated a desire to sell one that would compare with the one above. We went to his yard! where his boy brought up the cow. In the first place she was 4 or 5 years older than he had called her- in the 2d place-low in flesh-having been poorly fed-running in open air or retreating under a miserably open shed during winter- & in the 3d place one of her teats had been badly frozen & it was very uncertain at what time she would come in. Went away satisfied. Returning to Hinsdill's meeting house G. left me & went home across lots- I drove to Fuller's, got 5 cheese casks-to be paid for at Town Meeting- Came to Dr. Sam's-father joined me-had enjoyed a pleas't visit- At N.L. Robinson's paid \$8.12 1/2 cs for 1 bbl flour-bo't 8 1/2 lbs br sugar for which pd \$1. took away the same but left the flour until another day. Reached home in due season. Since Mrs Hall had written her husband-say Mar. 14- he had sent on to H. Waters \$100 draft which was accepted at our Bank- cashed to H. Waters & by him this evening paid over to me to apply on note of \$400-given Nov 1, 1835 where it will be found endorsed. Mr. H had forgotten or it may be never fairly understood what friend W. said in regard to the money at any rate in his letter enclosing sd. draft he engaged to meet any further call he might make- so I wrote in W's behalf to have him send on \$300 on rec't of the letter.

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My friend G.V. Hoosen Esqr was at great pains to forward the silk hkf which I accidentally left at his residence on the 12th-inst- Came to H. Waters to deposit it for me. Let me therefore thank him most cordially for so doing..

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30 Very like the 29th-Snow melting moderately-Merc. averaging about 32°- Considerably cloudy-wind perhaps-N.

Geo. & Hopkins were deputed to bring home cow & calf from N. Bennington--Previous to going thither the former returned from the Post Office with 3 letters from as many different individuals-and then the latter having procured Brown's mare "Nancy" went on together-paid \$30 to S. Ford & bro't home sd property. One of the above letters was from the pen of Caleb Brown in reply to mine of the 28th-would take the cheese at 9 1/2 cs-pay 25 cs on the hundred transportation-50 cs apiece for casks. requested to be waited on until his return from N.Y. but should have it when wanted. Cheese must be put up in good order-deliv'd this week if possible in Troy. The other was from A.B. Cole-Wmstown-giving instructions how to preserve runnets-for which considered myself highly obliged.

Another from J.Z. Wight dated 29th-full of land speculation &c &c. Rode up with father to attend Town meeting. Didn't call to appraise stock for Dr. Swift & Graves. Feel no disposition to enter into particulars. Stephen Robinson, Esqr, Moderator, W. Haswell-Clerk-E.D. Hubbell, E. Fillmore Esqr, E.M. Welling, A. Wood & Stephen Pratt-Selectmen. A. Robinson Esqr, Treasurer. Listers not recollected. R. Fisk, First C. & Collector, Dan'l A. Rudd 2d Constable. Pretty heavy taxes were voted more particularly to meet the expense of new road laid in the N.E. part of the town & that laid from Wid. Katy Armstrong's to meet the McAdam Road in Yk State. Report of settling committee was read & accepted-but I can say little or nothing of it-not having seen it-Merely hearing such a paper full of numerals read-leaves but a faint impression on the mind. Should say the town was plus \$200. Article for dividing interest of School Fund which now amounted to about \$5000-dismissed without a division. Saw my good friend Judge L. Norton & J.N. Esqr. Deac. Lorenzo Downs told me he had 2 cows for sale-at \$30 & \$20. Wrote letter to Caleb Brown in smooth style-Requesting money to be paid soon-notifying that the cheese would be forwarded by Capt. I. Hawks on Friday next.

Wrote another for H. Waters to Walter Morse-Wardsboro'- inviting him to come & work for him at carpentry & joinery-for the former branch at \$20-for the latter at such rate as might be agreed on hereafter. Let me record that the Selectmen were voted \$10 apiece for services the past year. Improved time most of the evening in writing letter to J A Wight- On the Negative- off-off- We now commenced foddering off the last mow of hay-called the W mow-of say ten tons. Bro't home bbl flour from N.L. Robinson's- & 1 qt F Brandy from F. Blackmer's-for which pd 2/3. Saw & conversed with my friend E. Pool on dairying-informed me of some improvements at the Wests. Cousin Wells, Martin & wife & Amanda Robinson came on a visit here this P.M. Settled in full with one of the Fullers for building ch. casks by paying \$1.15-ten cs having been paid in board.

There was exhibited a patent machine in full operation, to go by horse power, in front of Bailey's for sawing 4 ft wood, thrashing grain, grinding apples or cutting straw. The patent privilege of building sd machine was offered for sale for 12 towns in this county if I properly understood the proposition.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31. Very pleas't-Spring like-Merc.
28°-53°-or 54°-48°-32°-30°-

Blue birds & robins were seen, & heard to sing -Most welcome guests. With father rode to the old Dr. Swift place-now sold, with the exception of what is situated E. of the highway to Mr. Potter of Pownal-of which he takes possession on the first of April-to appraise the stock now on the farm back from Mr. Graves to Dr. N. Swift after nearly 4 years tenancy. Before commencing with the main stock drove to the present of the doct. where were two cows lately taken away from the farm, one of which had a calf-the other bid fair to come in ere long-8 yrs old-low in flesh-the former 4 yrs old-in pretty fair condition-estimated her & the calf at \$26-latter at \$23-had 1 broken horn-Returned to G's-examined & passed upon a part of the property in the presence of Dr. S. who was not quite satisfied with our judgement in some cases. He did not stay to see us through with it, but went away to pay a medical visit to old Mrs Loomis. However one thing he insisted on before he left-which was to say how much 3 sows & pigs were worth a-piece, because he had made sale of them with that proviso. We hated to do anything about it-but there was no excuse do it we must-so we inspected them in a manner the best in our power-pronounced the two lesser ones which had 6 & 7 pigs a piece-to be worth \$10 each-sold to J. Ogden together with 5 of the cows-set at \$20-The third sow & pigs-being larger & a hair finer put at \$11- We then went through the whole including 3 colts-8 of them 4 & the other 3 yrs old in bad plight-called them worth \$40 a head-It was with great reluctance that we agreed to pass upon these-feeling our very great incompetency to judge of the value of that kind of property, but Mr. G. would have it so. After getting it all on paper & making some reduction of prices on one or two old cows besides the lame one which last was at first set at \$18- \$1 higher than G. had sold her for. I was going to write that we altered the decision on her, but on reflection find we did not- The list being made out & the rate of the several animals carefully examined and bro't to agree with what we conceived to be about right the whole, excepting a sick colt now on hand, was summ'd up & amounted to I believe \$486. There was a very fine pair of red yearling steers which we estimated at \$14- Most of the stock was in low condition. Never again desire to be so employed-My judgment is vastly too weak for the business-besides the chance of getting the ill will of the parties. See Jour'l 19th Ap. 1832.

Came home past 12-assisted in weighing, marking (painting as usual by Adeline) 5 casks cheese-containing in the whole 1753 lbs & loading the same on board Capt. I. Hawks waggon-capt. present himself-having dined

with us. Paid his bill of transportation -calling it 1800 lbs exclusive of casks which weighed 165. By allowing him pay for so much exceeded by a fraction the real amount. After his departure made out bill to C.Brown-tot-\$173.42

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Added a few words more to J.A.

Wight giving a strong invitation to come to see us-requesting him to bring said money should he ride up on Tuesday next. Mr.B. was instructed to let Mr.Wight have it if he would be forth coming on that day-if not to send it by Saturday's mail.Sent bill & letter up to the P.O. in the eveg. Twelve cows now clear from calves-an unusual number for us as so advanced a period.

Rec'd very good letter dated Troy 29th from J C Presho-In good spirits. Could not find out by Mallory & Hunter, to whom Hall & Boon sold our cheese last Fall. Every kind of produce selling high in Troy. Cheese retailing at 12 cs, hay at \$1 pr cwt-oats 50 cs pr bhl. Perused General Harrison's Reply to the Committee of the Whig Convention of the State of N.Y. Thought well of it-Galled the old Hero without touching him. Plagued with sore head-had been doing so more or less for some time past.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1. Finest weather know since last Nov in my opinion-or even Oct. Merc. 26°-50°-53°-42° Snow presented a smooth surface on mountains-great drifts against fences. Hay presumed to be very scarce-going quick at \$15. Saw a young man from Wilmington, Wind.Co who represented the scarcity there & in other places that side the mountain to be far greater than here. Took very unpleasant ride on horseback to S.E. part the town-over snowdrifts, through lits, letting down fences, &c. By Barney's, Sim Harwood's & B.Green's to S.Lawrence's- Was shown a cow at the latter place for sale-not liking her proceeded across lots to Deac L.Downs'- Neither man or cows at home. While young Charles was looking up those animals, Geo. & self took the liberty of inspecting other stock about the barn-found them most miserably poor-no doubt had been kept badly to save hay. At length the cows appeared. There were two pointed out to us for sale-the one pretty fair looking about 8 yrs old-good size, but skittish & otherwise in our view faulty-the other-say 4 yrs old-round built, cossetty-low in flesh-teats remarkably small & short-not coming in very soon- The other gave milk. Deac. Downs off in Pownal getting timber for stakes & rails. Came away satisfied. Took road leading to E Village-on reaching which called at Deac.Winslow's had small job of horse shoeing done. Saw body to hand-cart-appeared made well enough, but too short by 6 inches- being so much under 4 feet in length-however-blamed no one but myself for it, as I had omitted instructions on that head when the bargain was made. Spoke for repairs of 1 horse wagg.-Rimming only to be \$5 for all the wheels. After return we (G & self) repaired gap in Judge L.Norton's board fence W. of

the red houses in order to prevent cattle & horses from intruding upon our enclosures. Our lad Hiram Hopkins became this day 14 years of age-Member of Benng'tn Acad'y-Balch Principal.

SATURDAY APRIL 2. Contin'd warm & pleas't-cldy-signs of storm. Merc. 26°- or 28° 55°-39°- Father works up wood. Geo. rides colt to Noel Barber's E. of the great hill on main road to see if there were cows there of the character & description we would like to buy. Saw 3 at B's & 1 at another place that probably might suit-however tho't it would be best to look farther.

Rode in waggon with Mrs H to L. Patchin & Co's, having first sold to N L Rob. 19 10/16 lbs butter at 20 cs- Bo't piece unbleached cott sheeting & other goods to am't of \$6.58" on short cr & 4 plates \$2 paid by wife. At cousin Nathan's saw Capt. Hawks who said he had not been to Troy-had the misfortune to break his wagg-long before he reached home the P.M. he left us with his load-Could not reach Troy until Monday next.

At H. Waters' rec'd notice of the arrival of Miss Nancy-eldest daughter of the late Moses Doty-many years ago a respectable inn-keeper in Troy, N.Y. See Jour'l Aug or Sept 1831 when she was here before. S H Brown had team loaded with manure-swamped in snowdrift near old Dr. S place-were relieved by yoke of oxen sent from home. Cheese press office fitted up for business-2d cheese of 2 curds put in press-12 to 15 cows.

Saw in Spectator notice of Mr. Bell's speech-exposing the frauds of "the party" in glaring colors.

SUNDAY APRIL 3. Very pleas't-snow going off about right- Merc. 30°-54°-45°- Gr'd frozen-morning. All gone to meeting excepting wife & self. Chiefly spent in writing.

MONDAY APRIL 4. Calm, hazy-wd. N-Signs of storm. Merc. 30°-54°-47°- Off again with Geo. P. looking for cows-Hired one of Sam H. Brown's horses to ride-just such as I dislike-lazy-skittish-looking off-rather cunning-to me quite hateful-never want to back him more-Our colt could outwalk him, no telling how much, leaving me far far behind. Before arriving in Street met Dr. N. Swift & rec'd a blessing from him in regard to the business of Mar 31. Wondering at our setting the property so high-especially that which had been sold. I at once acknowledged the weakness of my judgment & consequent unfitness for the undertaking-informing him that it had been in one way beneficial to me & that was, never hereafter to assume the office of appraiser on any account whatever-because of course one if not both the parties would be dissatisfied. Didn't know but that we had done wrong-but it was honestly done, if so. Dr. S. did not question our honesty- but disliked our judgment vastly. Came up with Geo at Deac Dimick's- saw Mr. Daniels about leaving with 1d of household stuff-Deac. D wanted to sell a cow-went to his yard & viewed the creature. She was in good condition-not old-

Signs however were against her. Look'd at another at the stable which he said had a great recommend-came lately into his possession on acc't of a debt due for hired or lent money-standing in a \$50 gap-could get hold of nothing more. While I was thus busy with the deac- Geo. had made enquiry of a person fully competent to give the information required-and found out she was by no means suited to our purpose. I had no notion relying implicitly on the faith of the Deac. But of course as he had carried out the joke thus far(I have no doubt of his good will to cheat me) saying he knew exactly what kind of a cow I wanted, taking care to have me understand that the one he offered was such-would know his price-which after a long pause, giving his tobacco cud some hearty chewing he said-was \$30- We rode on-making slight calls at Ira Armstrong's-seeing Asher Prentiss & Mr A working on frame. Dr.P.Armstrong was there too in sulky-but I did not recognize him. Found that Mr.A. had cows to sell however as we had designed to visit the Breeses went on tow'd Petersburg- Saw some pasture grounds looking green faintly. At B's were informed that they had no cows for sale-sold 2 a few days since-So we returned to A's- looked at 3 that suited very well at \$25 pr hd. One 12 yrs old-two 4 yrs old-the latter not in so good case as could have been wished-Deliberated some time-got as much information as we could respecting them- Came away with the understanding that next day would send for the old cow-getting home by 4 P.M.

Weighed 2d cheese this morning-no mean the first-came up to 80 lbs- 2 curds. Father employ'd himself on wood as usual-and perhaps in some other way.

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TUESDAY APRIL 5. Cold-hazy-froz'n gr'd morn'g-Merc. 24°-36°-30°-26°- Str'g N.Wd. Cow

from Armstrong's driven home by Geo. & Hopkins-for which was paid \$25. Wood piled by father-Sleighs placed away for the season. Mrs Wrisley & boy return from Elihu Wright's. Receive \$173.42 in full of bill sent last Friday to Caleb Brown Esqr Wm'stown-pr J A Wight who came up on horseback-tarrying the night-in good spirits.

Paid this evening to G P Harwood \$8 interest on large note due first of March.

Paid this evening to Harwood \$18 due for 2 month's service-ending first of M.

Paid this evening Harwood \$17 borrowed March 21

Paid this evening Mrs Wrisley \$2 borrowed March 17

Laid apart \$26 to pay Dr.N.Swift for cow bo't March 18

Late in the day rec'd a visit from my friend Levi Jewett to remind me of pub money

WED, APRIL 6. Keen air-Cold, dry, harsh N.wind-cldy Merc. 20°-26°-30°-32°-24°-Believed ourselves short of hay-would undoubtedly have to buy Sec.'d cheese 2 curds-73 lbs -A few more lds wood got up, from hedge above meadow. Cheese presses employ me as usual-J A Wight leaves P.M. thinks of new projects-mind not fully made up-lets fall some reflections on

Collegiate Education as if sorry he had undertaken it-hardly took him in earnest.

Visit E.D.Hubbell's the man not at home-see him near Riddle's tells me can get order for School money at W.Haswell's-go there-see many young persons-mostly females-presumed to be boarders-belonging to B Acad- See an elderly gent enquiring something relative to, as I tho't, a Deed &c- Got Town of School Order on Treasurer for \$25.84-which was cashed by Treasurer-enter my name on back of order signifying that the within amount was drawn by me. Carry said money to Jewett's-get his rec't therefor specifying what it is for &c- Introduced to Miss Perry late teacher of our District S. Mrs J has remarks to make on dairying-mentioning Mr & Mrs Pool. On returning home find cous. I.B.Dewey who arrived mounted on black colt, badly broken-is told previous to my appearance that could not, or it was very difficult to keep his horse over night-has just returned from SH Brown's where on application could not get in colt-Mr.B gone-in which case tells me he will pay money for keeping beast-dñe. At Maj A.Robinson's-saw the maj. on his couch sick-A.D. lame from cut of an axe on shin bone. Read Jo.Strickland in Downing style on President & both houses Congress-Good-Excell't-

THURSDAY APRIL 7. Real Winter morning-Pleas't day
Merc. 14°-42°-51°-45°-30°

Saw weight of 2 curded cheese made on the 4th being 84 lbs. Geo. boils feet for the sake of oil-butchers young calf-17 cows having come in. Going up Street met Dr. S.Robinson & Wm Haswell in 1 h wagg.followed by 2 h.team-bound to Carpenter's. S. part to bring off Town's poor-The former gentleman having, as I was informed, engaged to keep them the ensuing year. They did not say they were on that business, but as they told where they were going-the rest was from inference. Halted at H.Waters' -J(Waters) Hicks Jun present-had just been making settlement with Hiram. Drove to L.Patchin & Co's-bo't 2 lbs cut & 1 lb wrought nails-former at 8 latter at 1/0- would have paid for the same but I had not come from home without money-of course was booked. Told them should soon recieve a goodly supply of money-consequently their bills would shortly be paid. Just before entering the store saw cous, Minerva who expressed some surprise on the late movement of uncle Sam in taking the Poor-was sure aunt S would go quite crazy. On the way home called for Miss Doty at Wid. Gov's- Enjoyed much lively conversation with the Wid-while the former was preparing to ride. Being ready she came with me to H.Waters' where she alighted & remained while I got 1 lb tea at Black's booked 50 cs & rec'd filed wood saw at H's shop. Got home in due season. L.Patchin told me he had 1/2 ton hay to sell at the rate of \$15. Evening read Florida news-Gen. Gaines' men suffered severely for want of provisions. Vermont Gazette of Tuesday full of Jackson Republicanism-Van B,ism & what not. Dr.H.Swift who lately was thrown from his horse E. part of the town & taken up for dead was reported to doing well-so as to walk about.

Hopkins pays C.S.Pool for making cloth pad tp harness & other small concerns -67 cs- A letter of recent date addressed to Mrs D D Waters by Miss Sophia Ashley, was handed me to bring home-No ill news-all favorable.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8. Strong S.wind-growing mild- rather pleas't- Merc. 28°-56°-60°-48° Day mostly spent at S.Chandler's shop getting iron work done on cheese hoops & followers. Rather rides in 1 h.wagg to E.V.-leaves Doolittle's scale & beam at the grist mill-hears of sickness & needy circumstances of cous. Judah Harwood & family. Evening Miss Doty tells us of the very great severity of cold the past winter experienced at Binghamton-N Y Snow extremely deep Dined at H.Waters' this day. Father waits upon Lydia home.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9. Very mild- high S. wind-snow going off rapidly on mountains- Streams rising. Roads dry where there was no snow near at hand-otherwise muddy- Some few spots green grass became conspicuous where lately the snow so snugly covered the ground-Rained latter part of the day. Mercury 48°-60°-58° In 1 h.wagg.conveyed to cousin Judah Harwood's 1 bhl potatoes & some provisions, a part of which was furnished by Mrs Waters. Judah was confined to his bed under a late attack of fever which seized him on Monday last-his wife able to do her work after a fashion, but nearly worn out with frequent night watching & incessant attention to the sick.his daughter Betsey-a living corpse- her countenance & hands presenting the actual appearance of those of a dead person-still could she converse in an audible tone of voice- spirits high for one so amazingly reduced. For my part could see no chance for recovery except by miracle. Having spent some little time in conversation, a part of which touched upon the necessity of our cousin's applying to the Selectmen for assistance-took leave. I must confess the case now under consideration-moved me almost to tears more than once during my visit. They were very thankful & said they knew not what they could have done had I not (done-) appeared with my mite. Promised to call again. Charles Barney was the first man I saw plowing-the pres't season. Halted at J. Harwood's a few mom's to converse about the sick. Was on the old ground. Examined hand cart at Deac.Win-slow's-mounted on the wheels which I bro't down with me. Would soon have the same painted ready for me next week.

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Saw at H.Waters' a young man named Jones of Brattleboro-one of his journeymen 1835-engaged as such for 1836-Came over in E Stage snow very deep on Gr.Mountains- dangerous travell'g- On or about the first inst-J.G.Jones-shoemaker, having purchased the Andrews, formerly Fair-child place, came with his family & effects there to

reside. See Jour'l Ap'l 1827. Cheese room & shelves cleansed this day by ladies assisted by G.P.Harwood. Bro't cheese followers fully finished from Chandlers' Rode home in rain.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10. Comparatively warm-wind blowing furiously from S & S E-most of the morning-very rainy-Paused awhile-renewed again-wind changing to N.W. growing cold rapidly-Streams madly high-Snow melting away most rapidly-which if it had rec'd no check would have carried away a vast number of mills, bridges, &c. Merc. 58°-57°- about noon down to 45°- soon descended to 35°-31°-28°- at sunset. Too rainy for going to meeting. Went out with lady & daughter to view brooks as they rolling past in such majestic style. Besides putting in press a large 2 curded cheese-wrote Jour'l. Omitted on Saturday writing that Mr.S.Daniels was going to the Furnace with 3 bbls-to sell at 9/o.

MONDAY, APRIL 11. Winter indeed-cldy-Severe W & N wind-Some squally P.M. Remained cold all day- Merc. 20°-33°-25°- Father & Geo. executed some small jobs & turned the brook a little below the S, milking yard. Could not manage so as to get the whole current into the new channel at pres't deferred the attempt to a more propitious season. Hopks. waited upon his aunt L.to H.Waters'. I followed on foot-finding horse & waggon under Riddle's shed. Saw very pretty wagg-body of which was mounted high on springs-saw the same afterwards on road-gent & lady seated therein going W. Business carried me to the house of Elijah Fillmore Esqr-Suffered much with cold fingers-glad to haul up by warm stove if no other than an old V.D.Spiegel. Conversation was principally on late thaws, backwardness of season, cattle, sheep, hogs &c. Found him in want of a farrow cow which he would call to see tomorrow. Had no cow right for my business. Dined here. Young Dickinson said his brother Fayette had 3 cows he would sell-and a quantity of rye-offered at 90 cs. The old bachellor Darius Fillmore-pres & ver.sociable Came home on the old Phin.Scott road-Saw David Armstrong repsecting bull-saw two-prefer'd the best looking-made no contract-referred the matter over to his son.Erastus Wickwire-presented himself there. In coming into town brought Hiram Scott with me a part of the way-pointed out land lately purchased by his brother Martin for his sisters as I took it-of the estate of the late Henry H.Fassett-through the swampy part of which he had cut a fine ditch, which meets an old one of Gen. Robinson's, that if cleared out would render immense benefit in drainage-but all he could say & do the Gen'l nor Heman could not be prevailed on to do. At N.L.Robinson's rec'd I.Hawks' Cheese Rec't-Dated Troy April 4- 5 Ca's Cheese-signed Jas . H.Hooker pr H. Stoughton. Uncle S.Robinson met me at Groeery-had commenced with Town's Poor-at up'd \$600-Walked over to L.Patchin & Co's-paid to Gord. Squiers \$6.95-covering bill of \$6.58 & a certain hair brush wrongly posted to Hiram Harwood 2d-37 cs-took rec't-J.Brooks pressnt-and somebody else I believe See Ap.2d.

In the evening on examining record of articles bo't of L.Patchin & Co-1835- found hairbrush inserted under date of May 18-So it had been paid for as it should have been. therefore must be allowed me on presenting the book. This morning drew notification of School meeting in Dist. No. 2-at the instance of Lyman Sibley Committee man.-who posted up the same at the schoolhouse-meeting to be holden on Thursday eveg pres. week-to choose committee &c.

TUESDAY APRIL 12. Fine, but very cold morning-pretty fine day, but hazy, Merc. 10^A-22°-28°-34°-42°-34°-24°-22°- Cheese of Apl 6-2 curds-81 lbs-15 to 17 cows- Drew a few rails on sled over bare gr(d for distribution on N. line against the old ox pasture N.W. section of the farm. B's flock of sheep troublesome-not unfrequently of late strolling over our pastures. Some business done P.M. in garden-such as pruning currant bushes-taking up old bean poles &c &c. Mr. F.Fillmore came-with 2 boys-bo't the Semanthe cow,gave note \$15 with use due Nov.next-& drove her away. I bo't her of S.Wadsworth-May 1832-at \$23. She was abt first rate but being farrow the pres't seas,concluded to ship her thus. Mr. F. complained of headache & some of the effects of age-saying he entered his 59th year a few days since-having been born in 1778-himself,Capt P.Dewey-Stephen Dewey, Sam'l Scott & some others he mentioned being born the same year. Waited upon lady & daughter in waggon up street-taking with us a quantity of butter-which including,pot,cloth,plate &c weighed at Blackmer's 40 1/4 lbs-designed for N.L.Robinson-who not being at home-nor wife,nor any one-left in care of Jeff.Albro. Called at L.P. & Co's-had business adjusted at once-being allowed as above stated which applied on bill of nails bo't on the 7th.-leaving balance of 4 cs in my favor-which was rec'd promptly- Square with that store. Called at B.R.Sears' for Mrs H. Mary Ann had met with a sad fall into the wood celler- considerably hurt-but not so but that she could get about quite well. Mrs H. had been up to see the old lady in an upper apartment-had inflammation in her eyes-getting better-dry beech leaves,boil'd had done great service on application thereof. We made an unsuccessful journey past the centre of E.Village to know where M.Manchester could be found:that he might be employed to whitewash for us- Could hear nothing certain respecting him the present day. Street full of boys & others playing ball near Week's Hotel. Got home in season to assist at chores. At W's in Bar-room saw Eldad Dewey & Bill Gool. Adeline when her mother came from Sears' took her stand there--Harr' Patchin being also at the same place. Capt. A.Hyde at L.P.& Co's talked a few moments on politicks- Brit. & American Constitutions being very nearly alike. Mr. Elisha Pool told us he had 3 cows which he would sell.

WED. Ap. 13.

Came on pretty severe snowstorm from S.E.-Merc. 30^A-35°-32°-

State Fast. Father,Geo. & Mrs Wrisley went through snow storm to meeting. Mr.Hooker severe on Morals-

preaching from Sec'd Sam'l 3d Verse-Spoke 1 1/2 hours. Root offers for veal calf \$ 3 1/4-Refused-Felt melancholy in contemplating the consequences of a lank haymow. Busy at writing.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14. Snowed all the morning-closing near noon quite mildly-cldy.P.M. Wd. S.E. Merc. 33°-49°-43°-40°-37°- Business not over important. Geo. butcher'd two claves-one of which weighed upw'd of 20 lb a qr.

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The other was merely one of our deucs-The former being the offspring of the cow bo't of S.Ford. Skin weighed 11 3/4 lbs. Black cherries which had been preserved in brandy several years-and of late offered for sale without finding a buyer-were this day introduced into nearly all the casks of cider on hand. The cask in which these had been kept was cleaned & a number of pounds cheese potted therein-potting not finished. Preparation was made for converting a quantity of sour old cider to vinegar-placing a cask of it in the loft of the wagg.shed for said purpose. S. side hay mow last-ed up to this day noon-Remainder-measured 10 ft high 19 long-7 1/2 wide. N.L.Robinson rec'd \$40 hired money of G.P.Harwood-on note endorsed by U.M.Robinson. A 2 curded cheese was made from the milk of 19 new m's & 2 farrow cows. Rec'd letter from Hon.H.Hall-in reply to mine of Mar.29-Dated Washington Ap.8.1836 of which I give a copy below.

Yours of the 29th is rec'd. I reccolect of saying to Mr.Waters that I could send him a draft for a larger sum than the \$100 if he desired it-but I have always had it in my mind-that he did not desire more until (my) I returned. I regret extremely the misunderstanding,because I have now made such arrangements,that I have not the amount he wishes on hand. I could have as well paid him the \$300,now as at any other time,had I calculated on it. The best I can do is to send him a draft for \$150,& to promise the other \$150 by the first of June. I will make a memorandum of this promise so that there shall be no mistake about it. The draft shall be sent in time to reach him by the first of that month at the farthest,perhaps somewhat sooner. I am sorry for this mistake. It is certainly a blunder either in him or me,& if it operates to his disadvantage I shall very much regret it. I will endeavor to guard against any in future.

In some hast very truly yours,
(Signed) Hiland Hall.

Hiram Harwood,Esqr.

My son took ad letter from the office-called at his uncle H' Waters' where it was broken open-read-draft taken out as should be-Hiram disappointed-went immediately & had the same cashed at the Bank & borrowed the other \$150 of his friends Drs N.& H.Swift-principally of the former ready to meet me- But on Saturday morning when I came to see him-told I could

have saved him the trouble of borrowing-for it was my choice to wait until the first of June for the remaining \$150-So on that evening rec'd the am't of draft which was endorsed on \$400 note-dated back to the day on which Mr.H's letter arrived. That will show how ill Mr. H understood Mr. W. last Fall.

FRIDAY APRIL 15. Cldy-chilly-unpleas't-wd.N-began snowing before noon held on most of the P.M. ceased a little before night-seemed to be coming clear. Merc. 30°-36°-34°-30°-- Boys early off with veal-sold 3 qrs-am'td in full to \$3.03"- Hind qs at 5"-Fore do at 4- Some sold for money-some to mechanics on Acct- D.Rob.Jun. bo't 12 1/4 lbs fore qr. for which pd.money. D.Love bo't enough to come to \$1.12"- Dc.Winslow took 1 hind qr at 5 cs (all) on a/c- All hands well pleased with the article- Boys returned from E.Village with the finished hand cart. I was too fast in stating that cheese was potted on the 14th-it was done as far as it went-this day- Made ~~at~~ my main employment to post up my Merchant Bills which, first of Nov.last-exclusive of plaster flour &c am't to \$132 or thereabouts-errors excepted. Mr.Ripley Walker-a relative of Mrs Wrisley's-called to see her. Some weeks since left residence,Hartwick, N.Y.,for Greenfield,Ms. where having attended to settlement of a late brother-in-law,deceased,was now on his return home. A large handsome built rather corpulent person-healthy-never knew what it was to be sick a day in his life. Mudical or rather very free & jovial in conversation-Extensively acquainted with what we call the world of mankind.-having been a dealer in tin,dry goods &c &c for nearly 20 yeras,and in that way became,as may be supposed wealthy-apparently open in his opinions-above mean cunning-friendly without descending to polite hypocrisy-Sat up until a late hour conversing with Mrs W.for whom he seemed to entertain the utmost regard. They were bro't up children together as it were. Stated his age at 39- Parents living-father 82,mother 78 in good health-Had himself made several trips to New Haven,Ct.,during the present severe season on commercial business. Informed us that the late snow storm caused a fall of that article to the depth of six inches in Greenfield Snow very deep on the Gr.Mountains- Mentioned extravagant prices of hay in various places up to \$30. Wanted to go to N.Benning'tn with Miss N.Doty as previously calculated on-Storm prevented. The veal calf including run't came to about \$5.29".

SATURDAY APRIL 16 Not so pleasant for many a day- Spring coming forw'd in earnest- Drift beyond the Dr. S. house worn down so as to be harmless track way almost entirely clear. Great quantities of snow yet remaining on & among the mountains. Merc. 30°-54°-40°- Main employ't at home-taking away house banking by means of hand cart-& clubbing manure. Mr.Walker very agreeably passed the forenoon conversing with the ladiesespecially Mrs W-with whom was greatly in earnest on one point-that is she

must not attempt again to live with her husband-to go on & get a bill of Divorcement from him. After dinner took leave-intending to take the Albany Stage-Wrote line to Calen Brown Esqr-P.M. Willstown, Ms. enclosing Capt. I Hawke's cheese rec't for 5 casks at Jas. H. Hooker's Troy- Deposited line in Post Office- See Mar. 31. Started past 9 for N. Bennington- Beg'd S H Brown's met Dr. N. Swift on horsebk bound to Pow'l-near Brown's Mills to visit sick boy- Conversed in very friendly style several mom's-Ed's health favorable-coming home first June. Something said of their beginning trade again-Halted at H. Waters' talked a good while respecting money-see opposite page- At Wid. Gov. Robinson's was rec'd with due respect- Wid. & Mrs Lawyer Squiers present-the latter very communicative on late news respecting mischief resulting from high-water in the Hoosick & other streams- very solicitious in regard to the health of Miss Doty-giving her some friendly advice on that head. Miss D. was soon prepared to leave & we enjoyed a pleas't jaunt through mud mostly on the walk-to the house of A. Doty-arriving past 12 M. For H. Waters called on S. Ford to know if Ros. Buck left a certain joiner tool belonging to H. Waters, lent by the latter to the former-in his care to be returned. Replied in the negative. Dined at friend D's.

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Looked at the fine \$10 map U.S.
Viewed unfinished Universalist Church-Walked to & went into the Cott. Factory of which he is one of the principal owners. Spent short time in the office-Returned to his house. Rec'd a certain book which he lent me & left for Hinsdillville. Attended to business with B. W. Jackson-, shoemaker.-had \$2.38 due from G. P. Harwood to him set to me in a/c. Bo't for Adeline 1 pr Prunell Bate Boots-Charged \$2.38 Called at Hinsdill's store & paid to Warner Edgerton one of the clerks \$6.79 in full of bill of goods bo't Jan'y 18 or thereabouts. Clear of debt at that store. Came up Henderson Hill to E. Pool's-Old Tom Henderson place- Looked at an 8 yr old cow & some fine looking 4 yr old heifers-all which liked well. Could not purchase at present for want of hay-would soon decide whether to purchase or not. Cow & two heifers (the last could be selected from 6 of the same age & size) but I believe I was too high in number-say only 4) offered for \$75- Arrived in Street called at N. L. Robinson's for Miss Adeline-gone down to H. Waters' accomp by Mrs Harr't A. Patchin where halted-talk'd extremely lively-Rec'd \$150 from H. W. to apply on \$400 note as stated before-would have paid the other \$150 had I insisted on it-but declined-telling him it would suit better to let it remain until first June-Took supper & came home with Lydia & Miss Ad.

Let me not omit mentioning that before arriving at W's called at F. Blackmer's & paid in full \$2 order pr H. Warren & two pounds tea at 50 cs-one of which was for Mrs Wrisley- Not a fraction due any merchant

in town excepting \$1.25 to L.P. & Co payable in rags pr wife.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17. Very mild-Spring like- Merc. 33°- 56°- or 58°- 40°- Seven persons go to meeting from this place in 2 h horse wagg. Mother, self & little boy only at home. Running after neighbor's flocks to keep it off our enclosures made up a most unpleasant part of this day's employment- Vex'd not a little with that. About noon-drove up in sulky- Dr. Lem'l Sherwood with his boy of 4 yrs old, Felt pleased at seeing him- Endeavored to treat him handsomely- Much entertained with his eccentric conversation & manners- at the same time not approving of such in every one or even any one- because the end is not good. He seemed certainly to relish the visit well- addressing himself principally to mother, who having neither writing or reading to attend to, as was the case with me- she could very conveniently listen to & reply to him without interruption. Called up to mind many incidents of bygone years when a boarder here- 1820-22- or more properly 1821 &c- Staid until return of the folks from church- Left perhaps at 4 P.M Residence 2 miles N. Hoosick Falls. Wrote journal- also letter to Hon. H. Hall- Ho Rep U.S.- stating in substance that the misunderstanding between himself & Mr. Waters would be productive of no mischief- The sum he designed to pay on the first of June would do well- exactly as I would have it. The remainder was made up of enquiries respecting doings & big characters at Washington. Requested the reason why the Vermont Senators voted to confirm the nomination of Taney for Chief Judge U.S. ? Expressed low opinion of those persons having the chief direction of Public Affairs- Despised the expunge scheme- Asked his views as to "Instructions"- Jefferson Albion on his return from visiting parents & relatives in Powhatch- made short visit here- Intending soon to leave for N.Y. City- to superintend some concerns there touching the estate of a late deceased friend- the Wid. of that friend having solicited him so to do.

MONDAY, APRIL 18.

Cldy- strong wind- inclin'g to be warm- some slight showers of drizz' rain- Merc. stood at from 45°- to 62°- 58°-. Dairying of course absorbed its share of attention. Fence built in 1816 against N.W. section of farm- repaired by father & G. other fence on W. line of S.H. Brown also fix'd up. Our friend's flock was early driven off in the morning. sent word to have them look'd after- Rec'd encouraging answer from the Hibernian Shepard. Afternoon principally engaged in clubbing manure in the night pasture- above S. meadow- close by- Dr. Fay's line. Levi Jewett came past with Compass & Chain- having been running lines for Dr. N. Swift- who had partly bo't back 10 acres wood land- W. side Mount Anthony- attached to the farm lately sold to Wm. Potter- Shew'd us his compass- bInvited me to attend an adjourned School meeting- which promised to do- but at night seemed to be so tempestuous that I gave it up. What will they do

with such a faint hearted clerk.?

Father & Mother informed me that they were married in the E. room of the old Boardman House fifty years ago this day. Ceremony officially performed by the late Gov. Moses Robinson-then one of the Judges of Supreme C't of the State of Vermont. The house barely remains as a faint memorial of the event. See Jour'l for 19th March 1815. Hopkins remarkably lively at night.

TUESDAY APRIL 19. Continued extremely favorable weather-~~as~~ we took it- Grass started wonderfully- Snow off far more than we might have been anticipated some days before. Merc. 42°-53°-47°. Geo. is left in command at home-spreading manure &c. Ride abroad with father-Much time spent running about the Centre Village looking up hay to buy. Lawyer Squiers had sold out all he could spare- Gov. Tichenor could spare none- Dr.H.Swift had enough, according to my estimation, but was not at home. L.Patchin Esqr had good horse hay he would sell, but I did not think it hardly such as we wanted for cows. Bo' off F.Blackmer 3 ordinary corn brooms-paying therefor 93 cs-his profits as he told me being 3 cs a piece. Gets so late that we dine at H.Waters.'- Ride to Elisha Pool's at the Tom Henderson Place, now owned by Austin Harmon Esqr., View & like his cow & heifers-Conclude to purchase-but suppose it necessary to see Armstrong- Start for his house-but meeting him near Babbitt's- loaded for grist mill in 2 horse wagg. Tells us at once that he cares nothing about selling those creatures he offered for sale on the 4th inst. Return immediately to Pool's & close a bargain for an eight yr old cow & calf & two 4 yr olds- one of which had a calf 3 weeks old nearly- the other yet to come in- at \$25 pr head- To be wintered out for us at such rate as should be agreed on when taken away. Mr.P. & boys were engaged in getting out manure-Going to occupy the place the present year. Treated us very friendly- Wife abroad at the neighbors- Young girl her daughter of 11 yrs of age at home. very sociable with father who became quite partial to her. Paid Mr.P. tow'd contract \$50 & took rec't-Return to town- See uncle Sam- Visit Mary Ann Sears- Next Dr.H.Swift who gives encouragement of letting us have 1 ton hay. At Hiram Waters rec'd cider cask to fill for D.Ruttenbur- Hiram responsible- Arrive too late to afford much assistance at milking. All hands in good cheer- Delia Waters marr'd at Troy 14th-

WEDD APRIL 20th. Very handsome-gay-wind S or S.E. vegetation coming forward luxuriantly- Ground some frozen in the morning. Merc. 28°-64°-58°-43°- past 9 evening. Clubbing & spreading manure continued. Ladies clean house. Cheeses of this season stored in cheese house.

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Went to adjourned Town meeting-
Previous to going into Court house

saw uncle S. Robinson & Mr. A. Kingley talking about a certain case of pauperism in the person of Ira Ellwell his wife's son by a former husband- tow'd which the town had rendered some small assistance the year past- Mr. K. required & I presume ought to rec. a much larger sum the pres't year. Our meeting was a small, noisy one in consequence of a motion by Luther Park- seconded by some one to have the vote of the town to have but three Listers during 1836 reconsidered- so as to add two others to that board. After a number of sharp speeches on both sides- chiefly by the lawyers- was decided in the negative- as in my opinion was very properly done. Attempted vainly to attempt to learn where hay could be had- I mean with certainty- A small quantity might be had at Isaac Rice's- but too distant to suit- provided it could be found near at hand. The Town meeting which was specially convened or rather put over to see about dividing School Districts- having heard report of committee chosen to enquire into the subject- against acting thereon- adjourned without day- S. Chandler asked me to lend money- Granted- but could not oblige him until next day. Geo. & Hopkins rode out to E. Pool's this morning- carried him \$25- in money- making up full pay on the prices- brought home fine calf 3 wks old- belonging to the red heifer.

THURS. APRIL 21st. Continued soft & mild- Wd. S. rained in the eveg. Merc. 46°-63°-54°-

A great many chores now to be done. Father & G. carted with hand cart manure which they spread in S. mead. beyond upper brook- the same having been conveyed hither by sledding last winter. Hopkins cleared out shed in the wagg. department. I sallied out once more in pursuit of hay- Met S. Chandler against Capt. P. Dewey's bars at the foot of the Bliss hill- lent him \$20. At H. Waters their youngest girl very sick- cutting teeth. Seeing Dorrell & Mills in barn yard at Dr. H. Swift's enquired for & heard he was gone to Mrs Eames'- Falling in company with S. H. Blackmer who also wanted to see Doct. S. spent some time conversing on politicks & watching motions of the doctor. Becoming impatient walked to Sanf'd's Tin Shop- there found him with H. Waters & Potter- the first came off without delay- went to his barns- surveyed every parcel of hay- selected one for me which was unconditionally as I conceived bargained to me- supposed to contain more than 1 ton. Having thus secured so much drove W.- arriving near Deac. Dimick's- saw Esqr Fillmore who came up to the raising of the frame of Maynard's Blacksmith Shop- came away from the frame on purpose to let me know he had sold nearly all his hay, his son having told me the day before of his father having it for sale. Said he could spare a few hundred more- presumed Mr. Nelson could make it up to 1 1/2 tons- perhaps I am incorrect in naming the amt he not choosing to say what quantity his friend might feel disposed to sell. Pushed for N's- meeting Ethan Armstrong on load of hay which he got of Mr. Fillmore- Conditionally engaged services of minister. Soon arrived at the house of our friend- formerly that of Mr. Hopestill Armstrong who owned the farm attached- Died in Jan'y 1806. Bargained for

1 1/2 tons good hay-afterwards saw Esqr F & agreed with him to deliver the same-for \$2 transportation-\$15 being the price of the hay. Conversed very sociably with Mrs Nelson on a variety of incidents- Said she came to our house in 1815 with one of the daughters of Mr. Joseph Watson-danced to my music &c &c. Thirty three yrs of age Sept last-13 yrs since she was married-number of children 5-youngest a boy-2 yrs old-the only one. Some of the Harmon hard bargains were spoken of. Dined with Mr N. afterwards Mr. Rich'd Dickinson came in & joined in the conversation-gave invitation to gent & ladies to come over in the course of the season to view dairy. r.N's mother was there but there being no previous acquaintance with her-no words were exchanged. During my visit the old mare partook of our host's hospitality. They shewed 41 young pigs in & about the barn yard-not over a week old. Saw Abner Griswold's cow- Mrs Gary desired me to say how much she was worth. Made no very definite reply-Looked pretty fair-worth say \$25- Retreated out of Pleas't Valley-halted only to make arrangement with Esqr F near Rudds for bringing over the hay. Visited the Village of E.Bennington- Bargained for stone boat at \$2 with J.Norton Esqr. built by Barnabas Wood from whom first got information of the article & he meant to have had the sale of it. Left wagg.to be repaired at Winslow's & Everett's Shop-with instructions. Returning down street at the suggestion of the owner went to view the fine English cow & yearling of Buckley Squires-the former was grand & superb-Large-mainly white-could make from her milk 9 lbs butter weekly None years old-Bo't of Dan'l Rogers in 1834. But here I am getting along too fast-just say had agreed with Richards or Richardson & Dewey-Chair Makers-to mend old chairs on terms as reasonable as they could afford. Meeting with capt.P.Dewey,Stephen & Jed-the last of whom gave me Rec'tt for \$2.45 cs-paid last Oct on premium note to Vermont Mutual Fire Insurance Co- for Policy No.8945-Signed "C.J.Keith Treasurer" The first complimented me on success in dairying- Some few words were exchanged in regard to relationship &c- In compliance with orders from home-came up the Lieut' Saff'dl & Pratt road purposely to call on the maiden sister of M.Manchester to learn whether the latter could be had at whitewashing. Said he could not-employed on a heavy job for Furnace Co- Came home remainder of the way across lots-Brooks high-Snow going off lively- Drift beyond old Dr.Swift Place vastly reduced. Roads bad in general-to be sure very little if any frosts in grd at this time but for all that were bad. Uncle Sam,Rob. & Ira Haynes get cider out of pomace kept over winter. Harriet A Patchin comes to pay us a visit-particularly Miss Adeline. Had on hand say \$200- Money scarce-So says the Public. Business at home chiefly spreading manure,beyond upper Brook-sledged in winter-

FRIDAY.APRIL 22. Change of weather-Snowed from morning until 2 P.M. Very high N W wind-Merc. 28°-36°-33°-28°- In the midst of said

tempestuous wind our aged father would go out repairing fences on lane below the house. Kept cows stabled all day-only letting them out long enough to drink at noon. Read a part of Mr. McLane's Letter on Politicks - Lik'd it much. Geo & Hopks finish pottyy 78 lbs cheese. Ladies busy quilting in the evening. Jackson Party losing popularity-affairs bad at Washington.

SATY. APRIL 23. Discourageing was the aspect- but our faith in the future made us view itt contentedly-tho' there were chilly blasts from S. accomp'd with occasional snow & misty rains. Thermometer varying from 26° to 40°- 46°-44°-. Father & seld made use of hand cart spreading manure as above. Boys conveyed the

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very fine gentleman calf, offspring of Starin cow & Hiram Herrington's Gentleman from Hoosick, name not recollected - to Saml H. Brown's-rec'd am't \$2 in hay at \$15 pr ton-in full according to former stipulation. Sam H. they said had a good match for him. P.M. Geo. went to assist at the raising of the frame of U.M. Robinson's large barn located in rear of the Brick house built by him some years since-lately occupied by Rich'd Fiske, the present residence of Wm. Haswell Esqr. Self & Hopkins drove to E. Villageto bring away 1 horse wagg to have tire set by Chandler-but seeing how necessary it was to make further repairs-left it with instructions to go through all- a bill of which would be made out on settlement-terms to be as reasonable as times & circumstances would permit. Saw & said a few words to John Simpson of Hoosick- also to a Mr. Leach whose father formerly lived with Dr. N. Swift-say 20 or 21 or 22 yrs age- Soldier of the Revolution-drawing pension-then intemperate-now reformed in a great measure-80 yrs old. Hay scarce in Mr. S. neighborhood- Talked as if he had been neighborly in regard to sharing with his neighbors their scantiness-when if he had sold ~~more~~ none would have had plenty. Sim Harwood was there too- Wanted I should procure an Eng. Gent. owned by Allen & Kinsley Brown-to pay respects to kine ladies. As we were riding on McAdam & up meeting house hill-a son of Reub Armstrong overtook & accompanied us on horseback- 15 yrs of age- knew our colt-Said his father had a match for him-mentioned many particulars which made me wish I were so situated as to enable ,e to buy him- Sent word to his father that I would sometime call & view the gentleman. Got home in good season. Rec'd a verbal message this morning from Dr. Heman Swift putting off the performance of the hay contract until I should see him-evidently showing that his nerves were dreadfully wrought upon by the fluctuation of the weather. Honorable men must not give way to such trifles. His son Charles was the bearer of said errand & from what he let fall had harped his father, as I gather'd, the wrong way.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24. Cold-melancholy N. wind-clear-Some hazy-Merc. 32°-52°-31°- Those of the family who went to meeting were conveyed thither in 2 horse wagg. Lady, Hopks & self staid at home. Brown's gadding, lawless flock were twice driven out of our enclosures this day- No way this to preserve peace among neighbors. "Love thy neighbor as thyself" reads well- but where is the practice? In deep distress for fear possibly that there might be a failure in a part of my hay bargains. Hay now extremely low for such a number of mouths as we now kept to depend thereon. Very sorry Doct, H.S. should so conduct.

MONDAY, APRIL 25. Ground frozen up like winter- but before night the weather became comparatively mild-Spring assumed its place. Merc. 18°-45°-54°-44°- Wind N.W. Hay remaining on hand reduced to about 1 ton. As soon as affairs would permit-boys & self were off for hay. Dr. H. Swift had not yet recovered from the benumbing chill of the last N.W. blast his heart was so encased in ~~the~~ of the morning that he could now how think of parting with his hay-must go first to Nelson's & get his- lent us hay rack for the purpose. So greatly as we thought against our interest- boys were sent there- Mr. N. accompanying them from the street-to whom at F. Blackmer's store advanced \$10 in money. Tow'd night they returned with 12 1/2 hundred. Esqr Fillmore was also in the Centre Village this morning. A sort of conditional bargain for a dog was entered into with young Eams-late of Whitingham-now residing in Seminary Lane with his widowed mother & 3 sisters-Got a part of the way home- then returned with Highway Bill of 1835-left the same at E D Hubbell's-Came round to H Waters' where S. Loomis found me-having 3 horse team ld of pig iron-mounted & rode past Sanford's- turning into Seminary Lane W. of the first corner-proceeded to unload While so doing-young Germond came with an order from the F. Co to alter the destination of the load the first that friend Samuel had conveyed the present season. Rode to the top of Parsons's hill-left and afternoon assisted father at repairing board fence N. side of lane W. of the house. Eames came down with his \$5 Spaniel-spent sometime with us-accepted of an invitation to supper- Left dog & returned home. His father had been dead 2 years-leaving good farm in Whitingham, pleasantly situated-about 180 acres-which was sold & now they were paying \$40 rent for a house only-& everything to buy-nothing coming in-Don't believe in the doctrine. N. L Robinson reported to us 24 3/4 lbs weight of the last parcel of butter deliv'd 19th I believe- left for us 1/2 bhl grass seed-for which charged \$1.60-price in Troy \$3 pr bhl. Heman & Wells Wrisley staid all night here.

TUESDAY APRIL 26 Glorious Spring day- Thunder shower at night. Merc. 45°-62°-78°- 60°-54°- The generosity of Dr. H. S. was this fair morning completely thawed out. Two light lds hay consequently conferred on us-poor dependent beings-in weight amounting to 1750 lbs- the same being paid

for in fullmat the rate of \$15-of which however I make no complaint,being the common price,glad to get it at that. It was good horse hay-placed at the bottom of his bay-S. end of his S. hay barn. Circumstances such could not spare a hand to pitch on said hay- Paid half the expense of weighing throughout. Brined the hay after getting it home. M.Scott did the weighing. Frank have started along with Sanford this morning for N.Y. H.Wrisley got a line from his mother (specifying) certifying that he was born

This evening young Wells Wrisley came over from Mrs Kent's saying he was afraid to go home because H. Warren was there drunk-cursing & swearing at a great rate. We endeavored to persuade him to return alone but he steadfastly refused doing so. At last I accomp him to within a few feet of the house, but on turning to leave him, he persisted in following me. Almira, the lady of our friend Thos. S. Kent-appeared at the door-assuring the boy that although Harry was high, he would not hurt him. I flatly told him he should not be with me. that he could go into Mrs K's house in safety that not being under his control- upon that came home- But it was not over 3/4 of an hour before Almira came running into the house in the greatest consternation, nearly breathless- begging us to go over & prevent Harry from killing all there were there. had ordered his wife out of his house- threatening to shoot her &c- Cous. G & myself heard the complaint with much less excitement than our female associates- our legs were not in such lively motion as they conceived the occasion required- therefore was their artillery let loose upon us-frail harmless beings who could hardly say our souls were our own At last we went- the moon giving pretty fair light, flashing from among clouds. Found our friend seated alone in his cotti.

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wife & child having fled from his wrath-taking shelter under a mother's roof- At first assumed calmness-frequently taking a drink of water- Our enquiries soon drove him from his neutral ground-resulting in his rising to a high pitch of excitement -nearly to ordering us out of his house- After hearing him some 20 minutes withdrew with an understanding that if we heard more disturbance from him before morning- a magistrate should forthwith issue his warrant for his arrest & confinement or words something to that effect. Came down to the Chatfield House or rather Shop, the former being nearly in ruins-entred the apartment of Elihu Wright & lady lately in possession with whom conversed on the conduct of Mr. Harry-and returned home. Soon after-came up thunder shower-Uncle S. Robinson & Maj. Haynes were making cider- Related story of being in 1816 on the Green Mountain working on Turnpike of Capt Safford & others-fared most sumptuously.

Father among other duties of the day performed that stated one of driving off B's flock.

WEDB- APRIL 27.

Cool- not to freezing-fair-
Stiff breeze from N.W.-Merc.

45°-54°- 48°-38°- Geo. & Hopks were sent off with
cider, potatoes, veal, butter & old chairs- Two first
articles booked against Hiram Waters- 23 lbs butter
to N.L Robinson- Returned with a adze made by Henry
Norton- put at \$2.25-charged-likewise got chisel.
Late in the day drove colts out of pasture, kept by
N.Norton- Hopks & self did this-saw fences much down
on line-Swallow birds app'd. Mrs Eliza K.Warren paid
respects here-P.M. S.H.Brown-lately sick-came where
we were at work-

THURSDAY, APRIL 28.

Very temperate, cldy-cleared up
handsome at night-Cool frozen
morning. Merc. 29°-68°-56°-52°-48°-. Sowing plas-
ter in meadow done. Constable Fiske came down & le-
gally took & officially waited upon the person of
Henry Warren & confined the same in jail for disor-
derly conduct in his family. Ladies clean house.
Hopkins dances to my music very lively at night.
Cows-25 head-were milked in the yard-first time since
last fall. Wells Wrisley here a pt. of the day.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29.

Very favorable weather. S. wind-
moderate warm rain- Evng. wind gets N.W.- Vegetation
coming forward with all due speed. Merc. 46°-65°-54°
Father & Geo. attended Church Fast. Son & self meas-
ured & put up 20 bbls rye for grist mill. Repaired
board fence against the little yard of wheat & vrye
E. of the cheesehouse wich look'd well. Late in
the day went with wife & son to L.Patchin & Co's-
Debt of \$1.25 contracted Jan.23. paid by wife in
rags & money. Bo't 6 lbs cut nails for which paid
54 cents. Settlement in full for the last parcels
of butter was made with N.L.Robinson-money rec'd
amounting to \$5.95-All square-thus far. Twelve &
half c's worth garden seed were bo't & pd. for at N.
L's. The treatment of his parents by Martin S.Norton
was freely commented on by some persons at this time.
Hiram Waters' new house nearly finished. Halted short
time at Chandler's Shop for small work-during the
waiting talked with D.Ruttenbur about Van Buren.
After getting home-boys were sent with materials for
repairing board fence at S. end of the farm. Phil.
Wrisley builds stone fence E. side the highway N.
Parsons hill- Carried Sam out to see him. Brown's
flock plagues us. Lists for 1836 sent in- 29 cows-
4 yrs old colt-18 do mare- H.Harwood's Poll.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30.

Slight frost in the morning-cldy
faired up pleas't & warm P.M.
Fine growing time-Grass becoming more & more green
every day. Merc. 36°-62°- Hopks & self transported
in big waggon 20 bbls rye & 1/2 do corn to S.Wal-
bridge's-the same was ground without bolting by
James Harwood the new miller at 4 cs pr bhl-pd in
full. Settled bill of sawing with S.Walbridge-Some-
thing over 900 ft bass half inch boards \$3.09-two
stocks ash 68 cs-1 appletree Do 34 cs- Total \$4.11

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However in consideration of ready pay-discounted the fraction. I reminded him of his agreeing to charge no higher than \$3 per thou'd for sawing- but he complained of tough bad timber &c-D let it pass without much said-Transported bass lumber to D.Fuller's-Stuck up the same near the N.W. extremity of his yard-there to remain until seasoned-ready for use in the Fall. Saw a young gentleman from Granville N.Y. marching by side of a lady to whom they said he was paying his addresses-young widow of 30-boarding at Fuller's-worked in factory-Gentleman's name Crosby-by occupation-Shoemaker. Saw G't V.Husen-Hoosick,N.Y. with team-heavily laden with bricks principally-some timber- in preparation for building house- Invited me to call on him-told him I would . Had some intercourse with Mr.Smith the sawyer who said he could build wall & solicited a job at it. Arriving in the Street-saw Col.Merrill talked with him of the year of his birth & that of his coming to this town-the former-1775-June 17-the latter about 1791 or 92. Spoke of the prevailing scarcity of money at the present time. Saw E. Fillmore & Jo Nelson respecting hay-the latter assured me I should have it without fail-the former to bring it on Monday next. On the 25th G & Hopkins said that they saw at Nelson's 7 litters of pigs numbering in all 50 hd not over 1 wk old-looked finely. Rec'd excellent letter from Hon. H.Hall commenting on political prospects & political men. Father & Geo. fitted up fences about the big cow pasture ready to turn in. Uncle S.Robinson appeared to be engaged in repairing fences E. side the highway N. of his dwelling. Dr. Jo.Bates,Jun & lady were riding out together-returning home. Consulted with C.S.Pool on making hose-arrived at nothing certain on the subject.

SUNDAY,MAY 1st. White frost in the morning- Really fine growing day-Merc. 34°-72°-58°- Spent in much the usual way. Whole family,with exception of self-Hopks & little boy, rode to meeting in the big waggon-Sacrement day-Lydia unwell at H.Waters'. Hopkins' business was waiting upon folks to & from meeting-did not however hit quite right in the latter part of the game- some coming home on foot. Our old friend Joshua Gates came to see & tarry with us over night arriving here late in the day. Perhaps I am incorrect as to frost on the morning of the 30th.ult. Seventy five years this day since my grandfather Peter Harwood commenced clearing up his farm-a few rods S.W. of the dwelling in which we now reside-then entire wilderness. Friend J Gates was formerly resident in this neighborhood-as early as 1805 or 1806 Left Bennington in 1816- Present residence in Hanover Plymouth Co. Ms.

MONDAY MAY 2. Fine as could be desired,cldy, warm,showery late in the day-some thund. & lightg. Mercury stood thus 46°-82°-72°- Grass growing gloriously. Great doings at sowing plaster.

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To do most of it adopted a new method. The article as usual was conveyed into the pasture in tierces standing upright-heads out of the upper ends for conveniently supplying ourselves with it while in the act of sowing. Hopkins sat in the fore end of the waggon to guide the team- Geo. & self stationed ourselves toward the opposite end sowing lively out of small hand baskets which would contain about a half bushel. Some of the time sowed directly from the tierce. Used up all the plaster excepting 1 tierce which was reserved for potatoes &c-Bo't last Wint. 3 tons- A part of which stood open exposed to air- That which was kept snugly casked was in far the best condition. We commenced in the E. section of the great pasture-sowing all E. of a certain elm tree standing some 20 rods N. the Norton line, to E. line of the farm- All S. of an old half wall in ruins-built 1799- ranging with S.H.Brown's short S. Fay line on Dr.F. line-which we supposed might be 20 acres- Sowed 3 more against the old row of birches- S. side E. to the W end of the six acre bit bounded N.by half wall separating it from S.H.Brown's Fay Farm-Wound up by sowing about 6 acres more in the night pasture S. of the S. Meadow. Father made a choring day of it-placing away refuse-boards, scantling, billets of wood &c. Assisted in unloading hay sent by Mr. Nelson pr his man who said there was but 880 lbs of it. Mr. N. not daring to spare more. We felt as if this would satisfy us as the prospect now stood. Payment was not now demanded.-to wait until should see him. That which was had on the 25th added to what was now delivered amt'd to 2136 lbs- which at 75 cs pr wt cwt would come to \$16.02 -Add transportation \$1 & you have \$17.02. Quality good & very timely delivered. Eliza K.Warren & child enjoyed visit here together. Sa, H Wrisley absconded before noon-straying off to Mrs Kent's- was promised a whipping for a repetition of the offence. Mr. G. left for S. part of Bennington past noon-to visit Lydia & G.House. A gentleman from Pownal, stranger to me, requested a glass of cider- I hesitated, asking him some questions &c- Went to draw the cider, but before I could get back he was away. The ladies began in earnest to white wash the house-inside-we must understand. Hopkins danced very actively to my music-as usual in the evening.

TUESDAY, MAY 3.

Most wonderfully fine, warm-tempered with gentle breezes from N. Very favorable shower tow'd evening-nothing more beautiful than the bright verdant pastures near the base of Mount Anthony. Merc. 63°-76°-78°-82°-65° Bob o'Lincolns appear'd. A species of business not done before in about 18 months-was attended to this morning- The consequence was that a very barren portion of meadow was powerfully visited. Waggon piled up for transportation of manure- Several lds from barn yard deposited in garden whereon it was spread from wag.box. Evening boys visited Centre Village.

in sd wagg. Bo't 1 lb tea for which pd 50 cs & 1
paper Brit. Lustre-pd 6 cs to F.Blackmer-both being
purchased of him-Returned with 2 late No's N.Y.
Spect. Previous to their ride-cider mill sweep was
taken down by help of neighbor Elihu Wright who hap-
pen'd along accidentally. Our sister Lydia rode
home from H.Waters'- H.W. gone to Hebron N.Y. to
sell colts. Father pick'd up brush in Little Mead.
A.M.- Repaired old wall-against 3 corner pasture-P.M

WED. MAY 4.

Cool, pleas't Wind heavy & roar-
ing from N.W.-Not severely cool.

Mercury 44°-61°-or 62°- 52°-45°- =ast 9 evening.
Whey spouts erected for running whey- Garden plow'd-
Orchard N. to the house begun. Cow-pens or stalls
fitted up for actual service-Two curded cheese, larg-
est the prest! Spring, put in press. Cows turned
away to pasture-only about hay enough remaining to
feed span horses during Spring service. A part of
the lead aqueduct having been washed bare-covered
with earth, channel of the brook cleared, to guard
against future harm. Ladies hold on zealously absorb-
ed in house cleaning, whitewashing, laying down carpet
&c &c- Cows at night permitted to lie in the rocks
pasture in which oxen were kept for several years
past- Had now 3 dry cows of which 2 ran in woods-
Hay held out sufficient to afford decent foddering
in the morning. G. & H. of course kept the team mov-
ing. Few snow-banks in sight-those near the Elbow
on old Windham Turnpike were about the only ones.
Hopk's full of music & dancing at night.

THURS. MAY 5.

Frosty morning-fair cool day
followed. Merc. 30_A-or 32°-62°-54

Plowing orch'd-completed. Cider mill, vat & press-
planks-dismantled & laid up for the Season. Planks
of vat apparently too rotten ever to be trusted again
in its wanted business. Math's Cobb paid us respects
very briefly-" too far gone" as we say to talk sen-
sibly. Skewed the "Life of Marion"- Maple tree
planted near watering trough, by father-old one hav-
ing failed-yet standing-but dead. 27 cows turned
loose in the great Summer pasture- Grass extremely
short, but of lively look. It must be recollected
that on the 4th those animals were permitted only
to visit the first opening above S. Mead & the ox-
pasture as aforesaid. It would have been the bet-
ter way no doubt to have foddered exclusively with
hay until the 10th or 12th inst-could we have had the
hay to do it. Exactly two years since my father
got awfully hurt by kick of horse-Very sick too 1
year ago- Now enjoying good health, busily employed
on something useful every hour in the day. Dry N.
wind. Perused N.Y.Spect. some early in the eveg.
Parties disagree widely on Banking, Currency, Scarcity
of money- Executive usurpations, Monopolies &c &c-
Beard most slovenly in length, I own. Wells & Sam
Wrisley were together much- Some part of the time
spent in teetering.

FRIDAY MAY 6.

Slight frost in the morning,
pleas't & fair afterwards-Frost,

chilly S Wd-Merc. 34°-70°- 59°- Plow kept moving under management of G.P. assisted by Hopkins. Prepared for sowing about 3/4 acre planted with corn May 1835- Commenced on that between upper Brook & night pasture- not far from centre E to W. Father & self were pretty busy on small concerns- Clearing off app. brush from Litt.Mead, hand cart coming in play handsomely in so doing- Said brush being burnt at once along with rubbish collected in & about yards adjoining house- Ladies taking great pride in sweeping & sleeking up without as well as within doors. P M principally spent by him & me in getting stone off a strip of S. Meadd lately laid down-Rye grew there in 1835. Stretches S. from the N. to the "Dry Brook"- Well stocked- grass growing finely. Cows apparently contented-increasing in quantity of milk- Let them sleep in upp'r orch'd at night. Mrs Almira-lady of T.S.Kent paid regards to & supp'd with us this evening. Abel Potter solicited & got leave from me to have drink (drink) of cider- The ladies would not agree to it in any shape-having learn'd that he was already full enough- no room for more.

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SATURDAY MAY 7.

Strong c hilly S. wind-Slight rains P.M. Merc. 45°- to up'd 60°- G & H completed plowing patch mentioned on 6 th To know employment of father & self turn back to Apl 18th that is, during 3 or 4 hours former part of day. P.M. hop poles were planted & other concerns look'd to. Geo. made an unsuccessful attempt to find cows in woods. After having heavy beard taken off rode with Hopkins in 2 ho.wagg.first to N.L.Robinson's with pail of butter-weight of which staid not see- M.L.Selden & ~~Lusher~~ Welcome Luther were in grocery- Next, to shop of Winslow & Everett with whom made settlement-Acc't of the former commencing Aug. 12th 1835 up to last article the pres't month-for horse-shoeing setting tire, &c &c amounting to \$10.98"- That of the latter for repairs of 2 h. & 1 h.waggons making body to hand cart & painting-came to \$22.80 of which \$12.50 was laid out exclusively on the small wagg. On presenting my bill-Deac.W. desired to subtract the articles had by Everett from am't charged to him which was done. leaving out of \$14.81-\$12.98 against him-making him my debtor \$2- which was allowed on Everett's Bill- reducing it to \$20.80-which of course as my impression then was must be the sum actually due. Before paying it expostulated a little with them on scarcity of money &c requesting a small deduction if they saw fit in consideration of my paying so much money at this time. The Deac. took out 50"- the other gentleman protesting that he had put in several ~~articles~~ items in his bill at reduced prices. So paid \$20.30" in full & had bills receipted all in perfect harmony & after loading old tire-making fast 1 h.wagg.to the other, came home-arriving about sunset-cows all milked. On reflection in the evening-found out a material mistake in the foregoing transaction.besides the omission of an article in copying my a/c from the Day Book- the former being

\$2.08 not bro't in aganst Everett after taking it from the main bill-the latter for veal charged to the Deac.67 cents-collectively amounting to \$2.75-which no doubt those gentlemen will readily give up on being made acquainted with the circumstance. While there,hailed E. Fillmore Esqr, & sent by him to J.Nelson \$6.00 due for hay-dropping fraction & paid the former \$1 transportation-as agreed on previously- as circumstances were-lost \$1 by it-so he tho't. It was his man that came with the hay. See Monday. Chairs not repaired yet at chair factory. Elms, poplars (Lombardy) white & yellow birches just begun to look green. Pastures & meads generally in very promising condition. 20 cows now on milking list- doing well in point of quantity & quality of milk. To those which would drink whey-24 in number-nearly 3 pints rye meal was given daily.

SUNDAY MAY 8.

Dry, chilly wind prevailed from N.W. Merc. 38°-55°-59°-49°-

Father, Geo. & Adeline went to meeting. Hopks drove the 1 h.wag for father & A. Returned with H.Waters & children who spent a part of the day here. Wife made large cheese of 2 curds. Mrs Wrisley absent from church-visited by husband late in the day- Wells her son staid the night with us. Dr.H.Swift came down after service & let blood for mother- Explained to me the cause of a head difficulty experienced by me occasionally since the last days of Oct 1835- See account of trip to Berlin in the night. A nerve had been injured-

Having my writing brought up pretty promptly-enjoyed more time than usual in reading books & papers. Great Religious excitement now prevailing in the City of Troy, N.Y.

MONDAY, MAY 9.

Freezing morning-Dry N. wind-fair cool day-becoming warmer P.M.

Thermometer a little under 30°-in the morning-65°-46°- eveg. Patches last ploughed-sown

this day with oats by B.Harwood Esqr in his 75th yr-Ground harrowed & rolled smoothly & neatly by H.H. Harwood- Garden made chiefly by G.P.Harwood-assisted by the old gent afores'd. Some potatoes were planted therein I believe on the 6th. Corn on the 7th-Late in the morning on foot proceeded to E.Village across lots-Called on Winslow & Everett-informed them of the mistake of last Saturday which they promptly rectified-paying back the money to a fraction-Sad would accept of half a veal. Visited chairmaker Dewey Mend chairs next week. Engaged to them hind qr veal-Met & conversed a little time with Capt.O.Abell-Soon going to Ohio-meaning to reside half way between Cleveland & Pittsburgh-Fine country in his opinion. Before seeing him-came in contact with old uncle Ayres with whom exchanged some words-Enjoyed good health-some worn down by excuting, of late, a job of cutting over & clearing swamp at the head of the old Safford mill pond. Next saw our good friend Jon.Rogers who invited me to his house-formerly his father-in-law Godfrey's-of which & land attached owned but 1/4.

Conversed very freely & pleasantly with his lady as well as with him. Saw the little boy-smart, robust & stout. Promised to stay to dinner-on second tho't refused for want of time. Saw good stove-Henry H. Parson's pattern. Jon. about to establish himself permanently in Bennington. Left for Ben. Bk. Saw E D Waters- Said Mr. Booth would soon have a supply of Cast Steel shovels-at \$1.50- Told him should like to call & buy, if suited. Black smith Ball-N. Bennington in common 1 h. wagg. having steel springs-overtook & gave me a ride to Bk- Very sociable on the way- Lst Lost his wife 2 or 3 years since- 4 or 5 children- eldest son in his 11th yr-rest girls. In Bank exchanged \$95 on Adams & \$5 Montgomery-for \$ Bennington money. Enos Adams present having some dispute respecting money which didn't take pains to understand.. Sat down & conversed a moment with D. Robinson Jun. who fancied if he could live as far out the Village as I did- could ; like me, now & then visit it occasionally- should enjoy himself much better than he now did. Among other things I told him in reply he must not be looking at such persons as he supposed happier than himself but on the contrary-ought to compare himself with those whom he considered far more miserable. At P. Office rec'd 2 papers from Preshe of Troy, N.Y. & the Speech of Mr. Storer of Kentucky- chiefly in praise of W.H. Harrison. Visited grocery of N.I. Robinson. Last batch of butter weighed 15 lbs 5 oz. Desired the payment to stand over until Friday next. Presented me with paper of peas. It is incorrect to set down Mr. Storer of Kentucky-should be of Ohio- His speech was in reply to one deliv'd not long since by Mr. Hawze of Kentucky-running down the military reputation of Gen'l H. After leaving grocery halted to say a few words to Capt. H. Robinson & son Albert-the latter being coarsely dressed for service on the farm. Mentioned to the former that his father's superbly finished dwelling was commenced in building-1796- Opposite side the way saw horse & wagg belonging to Matth. Huntington-the former said to have cost him \$110 ! I would not give that for him-nor no other would in his senses. Heman laughed to hear my opinion of the man.

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Ninth in the morning-refused a chance of getting into a responsible situation for \$300 to be used by a relative of mine who offered fair security in the sum of \$500. Stood aloof. Had Spectator at F. Blackmer's- Called at H. Waters'- Walk'd reading-Saw Wrisley & others in employment of S H Brown. Afterwards W came over with wounded nose from the blow of the Irishman's fist-Referees bro't in he should pay the former \$1. Before leaving Street saw John Norton twice-once at P.O. afterw'd at Office of J.S. Rob. Esqr. Dismiss'd m making 2 curded cheeses on Sunday. Last weigh'd 100 lbs.

TUESDAY MAY 10.

Fair-far too dry- Wd. N. mornng. & nearly all day. Eve S. Merc. 38°-70°- 80°-60°-or 59°-eveg. Leaves faintly

ly coming out. Three cows & 1 calf bro't 19th Ap. were bro't home. Made settlement with that gentleman for keeping one of these kine, the others having given milk enough to pay their way one of their calves being bro't off by us on the 20th ult-veal'd-the other deac'd-Paid bill of \$1.50 very cheerfully & experienced no trouble in driving. Considered the bargain a fair one- Since I had purchased-said he had been offered \$80 for the lot. Found a certain blemish in one that had not been seen before, but it was of no consequence in the way I manage. Not the least fault to find with Mr. P. on the contrary would speak warmly in his praise for fairness. Saw U.M. Robinson & hands employed in the mulberry business in his Hicks lot this side Dr. Swift's Henderson woods. H. Waters' hands very industriously finishing new house-Remainder of the day occupied by the various individuals composing our family healthful enough to pursue business, in ploughing, cheesing & gardening.. Late I went & found 2 dry cows pastured in woods-gave them salt- Saw & conversed with Elihu Wright as he was ploughing up Indian Lot in great hope of raising fine corn. Two days more ere it could be finished-Very hard work- Dun Potter was found with likely calf by her side. Old Pool cow very fond of calf.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11. Gaily fair-Rain vastly wanted- Merc. 46°-85°-70°-68°- It was accounted very warm weather. Ground in N. orch'd furrowed for corn planting. Father employed in yards. Geo. butchered & carried off veal- To Deac. Winslow- S. Everett & H. F. Dewey-all on a/c. Mr. Wight arrived in the morning from Williamstown on foot-In good spirits-had lately enjoyed a very pleasant visit with his sister at Buckland, Ms. Husband & relations making preparation to quit present mountainous abode for one in N.W. Territory-near Lake Michigan-had purchased mile square. Miss N. Doty came down from Lawyer Squires' this morning-for visit-Very smart.

THURSDAY, MAY 12. Hot, smokey-Wind dry from N.W. former part of the day-S.P.M. Wanted to believe it would rain-Clds red in N.W. sun set. Merc. 52°-85°-74°- Meadows in certain locations & so of pasture-grounds-becoming every hour more & more verdant- Leaves of the Maple & other trees of the forest slowly coming out. Snow banks S.W. the elbow on Windham Turn Pike yet visible- Four years since Henry Warren was married to Eliza Kent, May 12 1832- North orch'd cross-furrowed and planted with corn & potatoes on edges- Distance-between rows 3 1/2 feet. A portion of the corn was plastered highly-say N. division. Peas in the garden planted-Miss D. continued with us. Cousin Ira B. Dewey arrived from Schyville N.Y. on horseback-in the agency of his employer of Warren Pierce. Tarried the night-lately rec'd favorable letter from relatives in Hopkinton N.Y. To be accurate in point of fact must state that Miss Doty left for the St. tow'd eveg. The snow banks were seen in the same place-May 12, 1832-perhaps larger than the present ones.

FRIDAY, MAY 13.

Sudden change of weather- cold increasing rapidly all the morning- High roaring N.W. wd-Cloudy-rained a short time-quantity very limited. Cleared away mostly at night. Merc. 62°- or 63°- mornng-37°-noon varying from that but few degrees to the end of the day. Lumber box of the big waggon prepared for transportation of manure. Two dry cows which had been suffered to remain in the lonely forest were taken in- Names "Old Potter" & "White Sim"- P.M. Geo. attended a business Friday meeting of some importance. My lady, Mrs W, Hopkins & self rode abroad in big waggon on business with merchants chiefly. Miss Lydia H. accompanied us to H.Waters' where she awaited our return. First halt at L.Patchin & Co's -Look'd at goods-enquired prices- Cottons & molasses high-the latter for first chop- 50 cs- Sugars in proportion-Bo't calico dress for Adeline- 8 yds at 1/o. Drove to Hinsdillville called first on B.W. Jackson- leaving lot of old shoes to mend- Mrs Wrisley bo't on my a/c pumps at \$1.38 or thereabouts Visited store-present Norman Edgerton, Wm. Hinsdill, Dan'l Warner Edgerton, clks besides U Edgerton Esqr. Dan Conklin & others. Mrs W. performed her own trading independently-paying away most of her money as she said. Our bill amounted to \$4.05 in the first place-mostly for table linen and some other lighter articles-and then I purchased 7 1/2 lbs B. Sugar for \$1- 3 1/8 Do raisins 50 cs 1 do Alspice o/9 & 6 cs worth something else-making a total of \$5.73-paid in full. Looked at woolen goods-but did n't buy. Saw & talk'd with our friend Ira Armstrong chiefly about cows. Friend Edgerton let me have 2 steel pens of new stamp for trial. Arrived home by about sunset. Ira B Dewey left after dinner-No trial- Justice Park absent I believe in Searsburgh- no doubt purposely. Both parties were understood to be ready. Pierce himself came out to give personal attendance-put over to 28th inst. Mr.Wight departed early for Williamstown.

SATURDAY, MAY 14.

Severe frost over night-Gradually grew mild-hazy sky- Wd.N. in the mg. Merc. 26°-48°- noon 62°- 48°-night. Snow Bk. off Elbow T.Pike-yet plainly seen. Fifteen lds manure drawn out & deposited on land plowed up in S.Mead. Nov 16 or 17-1835. Borrowed one of S.H.Brown's 2 h. wagg. Father experienced much trouble from sore toe-mother dress'd it-consequently performed no manual labor of importance. Albert & Semantha Robinson came on horse-back late in the day to look at & pass lively jokes with Adeline-spoke one word with me-near milking hour took their departure, Miss B.Street called & bo't 7 1/2 lbs cheese about dark. G. & H up street in the evening-the latter bo't at L P & Co's pf gloves-paid for the same 4/o money borrowed of the former. Rec't paym't in full of N.L.Robinson for last parcel butter 15 lbs 5 oz, \$3.06. I.B.Dewey pd. 25 cs for horse keeping. Cheese of this day 91 lbs-

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To see in full the dealing of
these days - See Day Book under
same dates.

SUNDAY, MAY 15. S.Wd. hazy sky - not many clds
afloat - prospect of rain - Merc.
44°-67°-58° - Geo. Mrs W., Adeline - attentive hear-
ers of Mr. Hooker whose forenoon discourse was on
"Truth". Assisted in putting large cheese in press.
Wrote Jour'l - Read a few paragraphs in N.Y. State
Journal - 2 copies of which were rec'd from J C Preshe
last evening. Prospect of War with Mexico & with
Indians. Eclipse of this morning's sun was plainly
observable. Very likely people in general paid at-
tention to it. Should judge about 1 fifth part of
E. limb of the sun was obscured.

MONDAY, MAY 16. Cloudy in part - smoky - Thun'd -
rained very slightly - Stormy S.
wind - Great longing for rain - Certainly there was no
ordinary need of it at this time. Merc. 53°-84° - in
shade - In open sunshine against S. side new barn
stood at 94° - At sunset 77° - . Potatoe patch in S.
meadow nearly ready for action - Manure carried thith-
er - the whole spr'd - Gr'd harrowed over - so as to allow
of my being gone to Troy of which much was said.
Hopkins rides horse for Root to furrow planting
ground early part of the day. Saw & engaged Sam
Loomis in the morning to get or transport salt &
flour from Troy - after first being purchased by me.
Sink pipe stopp'd - Curds run up at night. Elihu
promises to assist at milking during my absence.

TUESDAY, MAY 17. Cldy, dry & cool - wind strong in
the W - Distant lightning at night -
Merc. in Bennington - 62°-76°-68° - Early on the wing
for Troy - Road previous to getting on to McAdam - dry -
but very uneven, stony & cut up. In two horse waggon
saw among others - Capt. O (Hall) Abell & J. Norton Esqr -
& in 1 h wagg - close behind a gentleman supposed to
be Abel Wills & a lady we took to be Miss Jane Loo-
mis - bound to Troy - overtaking & passing by us in
the neighborhood of the Potter Hill - down which were
oblig'd to descend on the old road - being ordered
off the McA way on acc't of some repairs being nec-
essary thereon. Soon after passing the old Wads-
worth house, now kept by T. Hills, the same team pass-
ed us again. Rested a few moments at G. Snyder's -
Saw John Simpson of Hoosick - Started again & arrived
in Troy about 2 P.M. In the course of our rambles -
but let me first state that we alight'd at Capt. E.
Waters' - women cleaning house - Capt & family in good
health - Dined there - Stabled beast at Stearns' - met
with J.C. Andrews in his splendid music store, J.C.
Preshe in his employer's office in new building up
stairs - S. side Park Square - under same roof - Had good-
ness to go with us to Marvin's where bo't bill of
broadcloth & trimmings up to \$14.00.

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Once for all would refer to Day Book for inspection of bills under present dates. Saw Asa Doty who said he had started for the W. with his lady-Invited me & mine to call on him at the Mansion House-guess'd I would- but as we were tripping by-my lady refused to halt-so had to give it the go-by- Didn't know what he'd think of it. Having heel'd it up & down pretty lively a good while & bo't goods to am't of about \$36-retired to the house of cousin J.H. Kendrick-N.E. part of the City where we supped late & went to bed. Had two children-boy & girl-former healthy-4 yrs old-bearing the name of Albert-latter pale,sickly-not 2 years of age. K. came home late-Said to be a very steady good man-lately converted to Christianity. A pale sister resided with him. Maiden lady.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18. If we had not so severely felt the want of rain-should have esteemed the cool dry weather of the day very pleasant Merc. in Benngtn 58°-78°-60°. Had a fine night's rest & good breakfast. K. said service at the table. To relate particulars of buying flour,salt & brooms & tea of O & A Arnold-salt & tea on Cr--Bill of Dry Goods of Stephen Lasell of \$11.88-pd where Carter Hall resides-where-the merchant would fall largely on his goods. Knew how to praise them to a nicety-Observing his drift & hearing him offer to sell my wife some piece of goods not recollected at cost- I made some remarks touching the doctrine of cheap sales which touched him "Where he lived". I say, to run through all the twistings & turnings of the day would be impossible-besides uninteresting. One blunder must be noticed. Partially bargained for a quantity of cotton sheeting of low quality at 8 7/8 cs- of E.&W.Carpenter's- Forgot the place afterwards hunted sometime-found that my contract was a good one Nobody willing to sell such for less than 11 cs. This trouble was ended by finding the store-contract fulfill'd-2 Pieces-67 3/4 yds for which pd just \$6. Another mistake- Left travelling basket with a number of articles in it at one of the stores at which I had occasion in the morning to call. Had assistance of Mrs H. in finding it-no damage-only some vexation and loss of time. One moment's halt was made by us at M.Store of J.C.Andrews-his son James only present-performed beautifully on large \$300 Piano- Of Fassett & Selden through the hands of Elisha Waters Jun'r-eveg of 17th bo't 1 doz cakes shaving soap for 50 cs. Of S.F.Phelps bo't 9 German silver spoons-at \$1 a piece- Let him have a pair of silver bow'd spectacles at \$2 for double ones at \$4- Had enough of him in his line to make a bill of \$14.62 1/2- Made contract on the 17th-rec'd articles-18th. Amount of goods bo't & paid for was \$80.44- unpaid \$15.10- Total \$ 95.54- Road expenses-12 cs-tavern do-40 or say 41-So that exactness would require me to write-total paid for goods \$ & added to unpaid would am't to \$95.53- Errors excepted. Returned to Capt. W's to dine-pack up goods & start for home. Mrs W. seeing our very small brass kettle which we had just purchased

declared in jest that Sall should not have that - she would keep it herself-&c- Cousin Elisha & another boarder sat at table. Had a good dinner- The Capt. & lady & their children were very friendly & kind- strongly solicited a visit from my father, Lydia &c. Left Troy at about half past 1 P.M. About 4 miles this side saw two Dutch girls covering corn. People along the whole route- generally were all engaged either in preparation to plant or were actually so employed. Pretty lively time in the City- not, however, many teams in from the country- Rail Road cars actively employed- Arrived here between 9 & 10 in the evening- everything going on as it should.

THURSDAY, MAY 19. Clear-very dry, cool- Merc. 37°- 71°-61°-58°- Geo. assisted Elihu Wright at planting corn-in S.H.Brown's Ind. Lot. Manuring & planting potatoes patch in S. meadow was done by father, Hopks & self- Mr. Auger, an old acquaintance of my father & mother- many years since a resident of Bennington- afterwards in Sunderland, then in Williston-Vt. & now

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some place not very distant from Rochester- Self & sons in prosperous circumstances. Had undertaken to perform a long journey on horseback- having previous to coming here visited Lyme in Conn't- calculating to go home by way of Williston & certain places beyond Lake Champlain, St. Lawrence Co. N.Y.- The maiden (ld) name of his lady was Taylor- sister of the late Willis T. who about 5 or 6 years since died at his house. Wife yet living- formerly known when young to our folks as Esther Taylor. There were 9 of his bretheren & sisters- himself inclusive yet living- all over the age of 70. He was about 76- lady two years younger- Just as he was about to leave- conversation became so interesting felt & express'd great desire that he would spend the day with us- But as his calculations were made- could not consistently- His poor beast claimed our pity. Being badly saddle galled. T.S. Kent's lady here- short time- Brew order for goods on Arnold's pr S. Loomis. Let me mention seeing on his way to Troy in one h. wagg- lady by his side- Rob't Noble on the 17th inst. Also that we on the morning of the 18th visited the extensive Furniture Establishment of F.W. Coffin & Adams - bargaining of the former for a good cherry table provided with castors- at \$9- to be finished in about 3 weeks.

FRIDAY, MAY 20. Chilly mornng- Smoky, cldy day- Stiff S. wind- Merc. 44°-70°- or 71°-68°-62° Elegant halo about the sun- Rain vastly wanted- & strongly expected- Bald Mountain- summit on fire- blazing up most awfully majestic in the evening. Completed planting potatoe patch in N. meadow. Father complained of sore toe- yet was very active at shovelling manure & covering potatoes with the hoe. Hopkins dropp'd corn for Elihu Wright- Ind. Lot.

S.Loomis Esqr, arrived with salt, flour & tin baker from Troy-Bill from Arnold's including 4 lbs tea on Cr. \$15.10. Paid L. in full \$3.56 for transportation of 1780 lbs. Our ladies tried the new baker-work'd well- Cows doing nobly fine.

SATURDAY, MAY 21st. Warm, cldy-Wd W & N:W. Impatient for rain- Thund Show'r in the evening. Merc. 62°-82°-70°. Small section of N. meadow W. of the barn was manured. Geo. goes to the raising of Hiram Waters' Shop- With my lady rode to E. Village- had business at Deac. Winslow's- Made short call at J. Rogers'- did business at H. Norton's shop- saw Mark Morrison there- Came up street-bo't & paid cous. N.L. Robinson for 2 lbs 15 oz bar soap-29 cs- Visited store of L. Patchin & Co's & bo't bill of dry goods am'tg to \$1.12 which was paid in money. Col. Norton & lady were present. tolerably well. At the Post O. took out letter from Henry Palmer to G.P. Harwood. Family well- wanted to hire \$40. in money- offered security &c-Geo. felt that he could not accommodate him- I paid postage (12 1/2) which was afterwards refunded.

SUNDAY, MAY 22. Cldy-rainy-had rained in the night-all nature seemed to smile Prospect unusually fine-Tolerably fair too-rainy time being in forepart of the day. Merc. 60°-70 1/2°-60°. Blossoms of apple trees in this section about out in full- Fath'r, Geo, aunt Lydia & Adeline went to Meetg. Hir'm Waters, girls & Mr. Shaw here most of the day. Too lazy to write. Read jar respecting Adams & Jackson. or rather the statement of the former in regard to the Florida Treaty 1819-Jackson could not recollect- Adams could-affair not very important-old men do forget- Should not wonder at it in such men as those-where they had passed through so great a variety of public employment.

Dr.H.Swift came to see mother in the evening on account of illness.

MONDAY, MAY 23. Cldy-cool morning-hot & muggy afterwards-Thund. Showers at the N Fine season- Thermometer stood at 56°-80°-71°. Geo. assisted at completion of H. Waters' raising-A M Father & Hopkins ride to E. Village- The former buys full cloth for every day wear-Bill, including trimmings amounts to \$4.14- Visits at Judah Harwood's- Get wagg. repaired at Deac. Winslow's- Said Bill was had of Booth Dewey Co. P.M. Geo. & self commenced hauling potatoes out of cellar by tackle- a new way which caused grandpa to laugh heartily when he came to see it. Introduced new block tin faucet into water ask this morning- former inserted into rain water P. Dewey tub making it vastly more convenient than formerly.

TUESDAY, MAY 24 Cldy-rainy morn-Great deal of rain during night- Thermometer not much observed-Say 56°-morn-49° at night.

Bags & sacks of salt emptied-contents properly stored- Stove taken down- Kitchen whitewashed &c- P.M. conveyed to Dyer's Tannery 3 veal & 25 young calf skins to be tann'd- the former in lump for \$2.50 the latter, if black'd at 50 cs- if not- at 31 do- Meant to do them well & have pay enough for it-wanted no more than was right- to have them finished perhaps in Oct.next- He had a sick horse. Of the 25 skins above-24 were dry-which were weighed & came to 66 lbs. Veal sks-when taken off- green weight was 30 lbs 13 oz- Dry weigh'd only 13 1/4 lbs- All our sks not deliv'd -one yetto be taken off, which was to be forwarded on another day. Hopkins behaved with much drollery at night. 10 bbls common, 3 sacks fine salt . Cows came in more together this season than we ever had them before. White Sim & Potter were the latest-former about the 23rd the latter, say on the 16th- Calves killed at 3 & 4 or 5 days old. At Dyer's saw a gent.workg in beam house whom took to be his father-knew him in 1819.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25. Cldy- very little rain-some chilly-slight S.E.Wd. Merc. 47°- 60°-56°- No great movement about home-Size of cheese made this day largest that has been made here the pres't season. Geo. & Hopkins were off in 2 h. wagg. on business-carrying to E.Village with them Mrs Wrisley- By same conveyance went 10 bbls potatoes, assorted for cooking, to H.Waters' charged at 2/0 Had snap hooks attached to pole straps-made by Henry Norton 87 1/2 a pair- Rec'd 13 chairs-repaired, painted & varnished in decent style. Whole bill \$4.80 from which subtracted 20 1/4 lbs veal 90 cs left due Richardson & Dewey-chair-makers \$3.59. Paid in hand- For amount of things bo't at store-turn to cash book under this date. They saw Sam'l Lawrence at or near the Village who said we might have the use of his minister through the season-gratis-Terms of Ethan Armstrong \$2-but agreed to let his minister at \$1.50 Great news from Texas & Florida. Sam H. Wrisley very good boy in absence of his mother. Wrote letter to Arnolds about tea, sugar, molasses &c- never sent it.

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THURSDAY, MAY 26. Continued cldy-Chilly E.wind. Foggy on mountains-Grass flour-ishing. Mercury not known to be above 48°-morg-56° or 60°-noon-52°-night. Rigging fences-Charlie goes to pasture. Gate of S, milking yard-leading to cow stalls-built by Clark Harwood-year not recollected-repaired. Mrs Harwood & children rode to grocery of N.L Robinson-to whom sold 11 1/4 lbs butter at 18 cs short cr- Bo't bill dry goods of L.Patchin & Co \$1.06-at F.Blackmer's lyd cotton cloth-18 cs- all which was paid- Mrs Wrisley was gallanted home from Smith Montague's- Wanted to send by S.Loomis for another bbl flour-but he could not transp't it this trip. therefore declined taking money left at Wrights for that purpose. Cheeses of 25th & 26th severally weighed 107 & 102 lbs from the press. Completed copying my late Troy Bills-actual am't being for goods

\$95.52 to which add transportation paid Loomis \$3.56 & expenses for self 52 cs makg total \$99.60.

FRIDAY, MAY 27.

Cold E. storm-had rained during night-rained again P.M.

Something more done at fences A.M.- Hopkins along with his friend Warren Sibley was sent to Walbridge's mill with 10 bbls rye ground well for cows-paying therefor 40 1/2 cs. P.M. Father & G.P. went to Friday meeting. I wrote Journal. The old dwelling built by Elijah Boardman more than half a century ago-subsequently occupied by James Street-Street & Gove-Wid.L.Street, Thomas Chatfield Parsons & various others whose names are not all recollected, neither is it essential that they should be. This same dwelling in which my father & mother were wedded together April 18-1786-self & lady in the same room by a magistrate of the same name & blood March 19, 1815- having become quite untenable, was by order of the present proprietor razed to the ground. I was going to insert the gentleman's name in the foregoing sentence-but it escaped my memory- It shan't be interlined- No- let it be plainly entered- Hon. Luman Norton-who purchased of S & H Parsons in the Spring of 1833- Hands employed at tearing down were New't Bates.

Geo. butchered the calf of the cow called White Sim-giving us free & clear 32 cows

SATURDAY, MAY 28.

Continued cldy-grew some warmer- Wd. seemed to be E.-in the morning-veered round N. mainly P.M. Rather melancholy- Merc. 49°-73°-64°- Forepart of the day Geo & H bro't home Armstrong minister whom they found in Gen'l Robinson's swamp. We esteemed him a pretty fine fellow. P.M. the business was that of pruning apple trees-those which contained cions ingrafted by our friend J.A.Wight.

This was the 2d day of the performances of the American Circus in E.Village-Wanted to see horses & hear music-but not to pay money for entrance within their pavilion- P.M. walked down in season to witness the usual display made previous to opening doors for exhibition-Saw nothing very fascinating- Horses & riders for aught I could see were as they should be. Band of music were provided with an elegant omnibus drawn by 4 fine horses superbly harnessed-music, however, not of a superior kind, tho' very good. Amongst the many whom I recollect seeing were Sam'l Wadsworth, Richard Dickinson, Page Haynes, Stephen & Isaac Rice. In short imagined that there were assembled a great many of the lovers of good liquor on this occasion. Hopkins came home with me-not choosing to see performance until evening. Visit, not wholly lost-improving the opportunity to get measured by tailor Davis for pantaloons. Return'd to the pruning business-but the day was so nearly spent that there was little more time than for milking. Seven o'clock was the hour appointed for opening Circus-Hopkins went down in season-Saw ascension of balloon-no person attached. I followed about 8-

Didn't feel a desire to go in -patiently waited outside-until they broke up which was not far from 11. Beated a part of the time in one of the C.wag-gons with Alanson Sibley & another man. talked with the former respecting the maiden name of his late wife-which was Jepson-sister of Capt.L Barney-now wife of Burrel Green-her death, children &c-7 years since-Liv'd then in Pow'l on the Reynolds place near the bridge across the Jewett Brook-a few rods S.of Bennington S. line. Held some conversation with young Eames afterwards between pavilion & the dwell-ing, lately owned by Doct.J.Chandler- It may be mentioned that canvass of the Company was spread un-der their flag near the corner E of S.Weeks' Inn N. of the Doc't Chandler house. Amongst the gentlemen bystanders was our friend Chas.Norton who told me his daughter-& little boy were within the canvas-Mentioned a visit to Lebanon-New-I mean-some few years since with Street girls his cousins-visited Shakers &c- As the curtains came up saw how numerous was the crowd-the ground lights-the ring around which they rode & all that. Hopkins being satisfied with what he had seen & heard-came home with me- Entrance or admittance 25 cs-50 cs if seated-and they were well provided therewith. Mr.Pratt came up the road tow'd the house along with us-having been to the C-mentioned one of his oxen had become incurably lame-consequently must beef him-great damage-before this trouble owned a first rate yoke of oxen. Cheese 27th 107-of 28th-109 lbs. Heard complaint of drunken musicians belonging Circus Band.

SUNDAY, MAY 29.

Cldy-chilly-rain look'd for- perhaps slight showers visited E.Mount'n-Wind yet sending clouds to the W. Merc. 57°-62°-57°- Father, Geo & Adeline went to meeting- Hopkins at home- Wrote little. Near evening, Hopkins in company, drove to S.Loomis'- entrusted to his care \$7 Ben.money to purchase bbl flour, if as low as had been-Gave him letter to Arnolds enquiring how they would sell groceries-provided I would purchase hand-some-bill to be paid down. Dr.Wrisley sick-visited by his lady- Mr.Loomis on Saty ordered out his high-way forces of this Dist. to commence operation on Thursday next. Hiram Waters' Osborn girl came on to officiate in the capacity of hired maid.

MONDAY, MAY 30.

Colder than on the 29th, cldy- some little rainy-say wind E. Thermometer 40°-48°-48°-. Pruning engrafted apple-trees-order of the day.

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Visited S.H.Brown's early to so-licit the removal of sheep from the W. end of cow-pasture, Mr.B. expressed much re-gret on learning the fact-would take care that the same(trouble) should not again occur. Terry was sent southwith for them & immediately drove them away. Should keep them in Pow'l after being shorn.

Father & Hopkins get up a quantity of old rails for fuel. Geo. contin'd prung grafted trees - Boys up street - Elijah Octavianus Harwood arrived from Troy - Told wonderous story of a horse theft including other articles committed at the tavern formerly kept by J. Haynes, Shingle Hollow, Hoosick, N.Y. - Was his fortune to lose more or less by the same - had been in pursuit as far as N. Adams, Ms - Related some particulars of the death by small pox of his mother & brother-in-law at Norfolk - the latter took it from the former who caught it on her way from Rutland, Vt. Mr. Bidwell was cut off in the midst of his days - leaving a disconsolate widow & several children quite young - Was successfully engaged in the manufacturing line - supposed to be worth 5 or 6000 dollars - going thither to assist his sister in the settlement of the estate. Elihu Wright & Newton Bates built stone wall out of materials procured from ruins of old Boardman house - which my father informed me was erected in 1781. Hiram Waters sent Geo. Robinson here to take dimensions of table leaf to be suspended from the bottom of the S.W. window of the old kitchen. Lent to Harry Warren military equipments - knapsack, cartouch box, canteen, bayonet &c - to be returned after training - & so at every succeeding training through the season for which promised of his own accord to give a day's work. Rec'd paper from Preshe - intimating in pencil mark intention of going to Natchez - desired our opinion respecting it. Very large cheese put in press this day. N.L. Robinson paid \$2 in full for 11 1/4 butter.

TUESDAY, MAY 31. Clear - excepting some hazy - Cold morning - strong E. wind - chilly air - Merc. 40° - 68° - 62° - Pruning grafted apple trees followed until noon - P.M. boys hoed corn in garden - Rode with father P.M. south - Below schoolhouse he left me to pay a visit to his venerable friend Mr. Loomis & lady - I proceeded forward to Bates' beyond Wagar's - Pownal on business with William - Didn't see him - gone to E. Bennington - Met Col. Merrill this side of the House place who informed me I was selected as Juror with 5 others from the Town of Bennington to sit at Wagar's - June 22 - on suit between the Town of Pow'l & one of its inhabitants: Coates a drunken fellow rode with me from Thompson's House Place, to Wagar's - Returned before night. Observed that lately the old Scott house owned by Levi Jewett, the barn on the Sol Walbrudge farm, formerly the property of Willard Green more recently that of his son Burrel - occupied at this time by Camp and the old long barn, once attached to the old major Billings' estate - since owned by Joseph House & now by Thompson were torn down. Mother much out of health - sent up street for physician by Mrs. Wrisley, Hopkins & Adeline who rode in wagg. Dr. N. Swift gone to Brattleboro - Dr. Heman said he would come down - Mr. Wrisley getting better - Octavius, off this morning - Cheese made in April 1253 lbs - Do in May 2479.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1st. Sunny-pleasant- Slight haze P M
Cool mg & eveg-Merc.50°-76°-62°
Presume wind was E- Worked on lane below the house-
A.M. On Highway P.M. something done on bfridge this
side S.H.Brown's-B himself giving slight gratuitous
assistance- hill this side the bridge partly earth'd
over-used plow & scraper in doing it- S.H.B. com-
plained of pressure in money market. Cheeses large
in these days- Dr.Heman Swift came to visit mother.
returning thence halted in the road & talked some
time about the Bk U.S. what necessity there was for
one & that the Jackson Party-many of them knew it,
felt it & after Presidential Election would be for
haveing a new one-but he did not believe they would
ever get up another as properly organized as the old
one. Perhaps I wrote a letter to our friend J.C.
Presho at this time- My minutes are above 20 days old
not explicit on that point.name & letter merely men-
tioned. Say all hands on road-Surveyor afterwards-
presumed allowed what was just for it.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2. Cold morning-fair day-wind E.
Merc.46°-76°-60°- First day of
Highway service for citizens of the district as
warned out by Surveyor S.Loomis-but second with us.
The following gentlemen dined with us-to wit- S.Loomis,
L.Jewett, Nelson Duncan & Stephen Jewett. Friend
Levi informed me that at the last School Meeting
held in Dist No.2-among the officers chosen was a
new clerk-himself being the incumbent.which he very
modestly mentioned by saying they had " a piece of
a clerk". H.Harwood had filled that station ever
since the organization of the district under the
then new regulations-in April 1822-Not personally
employed on road-but father, H.P., E.Wright & Hopkins
were. After dinner S.L.Godfrey Jun. rode up in haste
and summoned Mr.Loomis & me to appear as Jurors at
the office of W.S.Southworth-to hear a cause between
Dewey or Booth, Dewey & Co-vs- Aaron Grover-Former
plaintiffs-Latter defendant-to begin at 2 P.M.Chang'd
dress & went down-Waited a long time for others to
come-that is, the other jurors-whiled away time read-
ing newspaper, At length my hon, associates arrived
& took theirs seats-were soon after sworn by Mr.
Justice Alson Squires before whom the parties by
their attorneys (personally present too) appeared
for trial. Gentlemen composing jury were Libeus Bar-
ney, Sam.Loomis, J.V.D.McEwen, Perez Harwood Jun, John
W.Vail & H.Harwood. W.S.Southworth & A.P.Lyman for
Plaintiffs-U.M.Robinson & S.H.Blackmer for Defendants
It would be very tedious for me to go into a history
of the case sufficient barely to show why our decis-
ion was such as it was. It seems in the first place
that Mr.A.Booth of the aforesaid firm sometime tow'd
the end of summer-1835-made a contract with a Mr.
Barber to make up a certain quantity of carpenters
squares on his own acct separate from the Co-to fur-
nish stock &c- In September finding his man not like-
ly to go on with his contract-persuaded Mr.Grover to
enlist in the undertaking. He goes to friend South-
worth & has a written agreement between Barber & him-
self-drawn up-establishing a complete

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Co. Partnership-to remain in force until April 1836 with some few provisions annex'd- It soon turned out that Mr. G, who had found his partner an unsteady drinking character, grew uneasy, wanted to back out, didn't want to go shares in the store debt-stipulated to have separate charges made to himself & partner- Each to pay or have charged to himself whatever was called for at the store-and supposed himself safe from what he got B. to say on the subject giving encouragement that it should all at last be as he wished. He supposed as B. was engaged in the square making business that of course he should only be accountable to him & not the Co for the goods rec'd. But in this part of the story I am unable to state with precision. At all events Booth & Barber made a private settlement much to the advantage of the former no doubt-leaving our friend G. to pay the whole shot due B D & Co. demand being about \$87. while in a fair settlement perhaps a small share only would have fallen to his lot to pay. We fancied there was iniquity in the transaction, but so completely did we find him held down by written contract that we could not help him. Every one of us felt for him-but according to evidence & law there was no getting away from it-must decide for the Company. Cousin U. in his address to us dwelt strongly in the fraudulent schemes of our friend B. The cause was given us, after agreement, time enough to render verdict by about sunset- back room in the office being-No, I mistake-we had the whole office, cleared for us, & we sat but a short time in dread conclave. Charles Thatcher, Officer Protem of the Jury. Many persons collected in & about the office during the trial. Noticed among others J. Norton Esqr, Allen Brown, Sam Thayer, Geo, Hunt, Hiram Hull, & Rode to meetinghouse along with my friend J.W. Vail- who leaned very hard on the side of Grover- I was of his opinion, but as the affair came up-could not decide otherwise. Obtained N.Y. paper at F. Blackmer's Made short halt at H. Waters'-removed into new house-all painted in fine style-I dropp'd-perhaps imprudently, remarks against the general conduct of B., with whom H.W. was having transactions in lumber- which were likely prove rather hollow. Got home in season to make out some part of my letter to J.C. Presho touching his project of going to Natchez- cautioning him against precipitancy in his decision on that point. Mr. Judd Sen'r viewed & spoke highly in praise of dairy-Cheese made on the 1st inst 110 lb

FRIDAY, JUNE 3.

Cool, cldy-Wd mainly E-signs of rain. Merc. 54°-74°-60°- Second day on road by Geo P., Elihu Wright & Hopkins. Father & self, dairying-fixing stable &c being first disposed of-rode off to E. Village-small grist corn ground at Doolittle's mill-mare shod at H. Norton's-called on Judge Luman Norton at his Works in his counting room. Scenes of thirty years past were called up-Mr. Roswell Moseley's drowning his horses in L. Champlain-Feb. 1807-worth \$200-Youthful pranks of Heman & Ethan

Fay, Noah Smith & others-formed the principal topics. The Judge informed us of one singular mistake-By turning to Journal Dec 22d 1835-it will be seen that he saw at E.Fay's our old friend E.A. Fay- Gave him an invitation to be next day at his brother' John's E.Village- Accordingly he went at the house appointed with his lady-and their meeting was a most agreeable one- Luman & John both being present-But the mistake-was,that the former took him to be his brother Heman,at the first meeting-told the latter so-and under that impression carried on conversation for a long time- At last by referring to something unknown to him the error was discovered to the no small amusement of the whole party.

The visit at Judge Luman's being ended-besides seeing William Bates about working athaying-getting the mitten-he having agreed to serve the Judge at \$1.50 at that employment- went to Booth Dewey & Co paid bill of \$4.14" lately taken up by father-Got Hopks' coat at Davis'-cut ready to the hand of the tailoress-W.E.Morgan was there painting the house-mostly outside,I believe- Bo't no cast steel shovels-and came pretty directly home.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4. Warm-muggy-signs of rain-some slight falling of rain near evening-Good deal of E. wind-Rain much wanted-Merc.58°-73°-63°- House drain in part dug up-put in good condition- Ditch at the brook finished.New whey trough made for convenience of whey-boards nailed on sides of scantling-first being coated over with rye paste to prevent its leaking-experiment proved very successful. Hopkins waited upon his Aunt Lydia to F.Blackmer's on business. As she started away,that is,before leaving the house,put in her hands a \$2 Bennington Bk Bill- handed over the same in payment for goods she bo't-amounting only to 2/o he inadvertently paid back but 4/o-supposing he had rec'd a \$1 bill In the evening rode up with G.P. and had the thing regulated. All sheer mistake-both sides very inattentive. In this case I was very positive & clear-otherwise should have entertained doubts. Paid for 4 yds bombazett bo't (at) this evening for mother at 2/o Several of Mr.B's neighbors were in the store,this eveg. Rec'd a letter from Hon.H.Hall-enclosing draft on N.Y. for \$150-due Hiram Waters-which paid up his \$400 note to me in full with the exception of interest since the first of March last. Rec'd another from J.C.Presho chiefly in relation to the Natchez project. Saw B.R.Sears,latter part of the day.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5. Very like the 4th in regard to weather-some rainy on E. mountain slightly so here- Merc. 62°-73°-68°- Cheese on the 3d 110 lbs. Wrote-and attended some to papers as usual-besides doing the dairy work falling to my lot. Father,G.P. & Ad.M. & Mrs Wrisley were at Church. Father went to Fay's to an eveg meeting. N.L.Robinson made short call tow'd evening. Said his father had rec'd bad hurt lately. Dr.H.Swift & Hiram Waters came here this morning. the former to see Mother-as physician.

MONDAY, JUNE 6.

E. wind-cldy-rain on E. mountains-Much as on the 5th-Merc. 60°-68°-66°- Felt great inconvenience from the weather-nerves badly unstrung. Hoeing corn-chief business Hopkins at night felt very lively-singing "Zip Coon" or "Sandy Hollow". He this morning waited upon Adeline up street on business- Left at Post Office my reply to Hom.H.Hall's last letter in which touched upon the small side of John C. Haswell. H.Waters sent us 4 qts white beans-to be credited on bk. Mother wore singular dress.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 7.

The same E. wind & temperature seemed to continue-Tow'd eveg wind rather haul'd round to the W- Some more rainy than on day next preceding- Merc. 64°-72°- Hoeing done forepart of the day- P.M. Hopkins & his friend Warren Sibley went to training. Geo. rode Charley to E.Village. I waited upon Adeline to H.Waters'- Saw & talked some with D. Ruttenbur-Met S.H.Blackmer with whom some jokes were exchanged respecting a jug I had in my hand with intention of getting vinegar at his brother's- March'd on- Got 1 gallon of the afore-said article-for which paid 25 cs- Old Mrs Chandler was in the store-told me Sam had excellent vinegar for sale. Walked over to Weeks'-sat down & conversed a good while with Ira Armstrong Esqr-chiefly on cows. Mention was made of the Religious Discussion between the Rev. Ezra Stiles Esqr & Rev'd Abel C.Thompson-the latter Universalist. Mr. A. believing him to have gained the question, tho't him able in regard to Lazarus & the rich man &c- Saw the Cavalry company manoeuvre some-it was not a very good day for military parade- Mr.Armstrong wanted to know if I had ever known such a long E wind? Was not sure that I ever did. Went to L.Patchin & Co's-bo't 3/4 yd black silk for which pd-87 1/2 cs- left the same with Miss P.Thayer for facing frock coat she was making for Hopkins- Said I could afford it seeing I had but one son-or something to that effect. Heard Rev'd Mr. Reed-Missionary-relate to Capt.Hyde the objections of Asiatics to the Christian Religion &c-from which it appeared their prejudices ran very high-sticking closely to Mahometanism or whatever they had learned to revere in their youth. From H.W's came home I believe with Adeline who afterwards rec'd a call from 2 daughters & son of Doct.Bigelow. Dr. H.Swift came in his best carriage to visit mother. At S.H.Brown's their youngest child was 3 or 4 days old.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8.

Very warm-cldy-Wind seemed to have veered at last to N.W.-Many indications of rain were observed-such as cloud cap on Manchester mountain, sweating of water cask &c- Thundered at distance-Real lazy weather-Merc. 64°-80°- 69°- Potatoes hoed in the garden & other work therein attended to- Corn ash'd- Whey spouts regulated- an additional reservoir established-Doctor Heman Swift present a part of the time- administered an emetic to mother which operates most severely-stays to see it gone thro' with-Result very favorable. Mr.Horace

Edgerton 2d son about 12 or 13 years of age very sprightly & active was accidentally thrown from a waggon heavily laden with lumber-one of the hind wheels ran over his head-fracturing the skull in a most shocking manner causing instant death. A black man was driving the team not far from the dwelling of U2M. Robinson or somewhere in that neighborhood. No blame to my knowledge was laid to the driver. Mrs Waters executed washing here-waited upon home by her husband at night- Cheese-7th 104

THURS, JUNE 9. Cool at sunrise-hot remainder of the day-Pretty free from clde- Rain greatly wanted-Merc. 58°-80°-82°-70°--On roof 88°-& 98°- Geo. worked at shingling roof of Milk Room. father at hoeing garden & cutting & breaking old wood. P.M. with lady rode out-Left young green calf skin partially dried-at Forbes'-to be sent to Syer's-Shaftsbury-as talked of May 24. Saw & spoke with Dr. Sam. Robinson Mrs H. transacted shoe business aith B.W. Jackson- I conversed with a Mr. Loomis about working at haying for us- Offered himself conditionally at 87 1/2 cs pr day- We paid respects at Hinsdill's store-Clerks appeared very careless & indifferent-so after looking a little-bo't nothing & came away-took road leading through Henderson woods-Halted at Mr. E. Pool's a few moments talking of dairying- of the cheese trade made with Cone & Taft-April '34-the former had lately failed in business at Hoosick F. Corners-so said Mr. P- Obtained promise of a visit befo re long- Arrived in street just as the Funeral Procession moved off for the burying ground in Deac. Hinsdill's vicinity- Funeral service performed at the house formerly built by Franklin Clark-lately owned & occupied by Wid. J.E. Robinson-now by B.F. Fay as tenant- Bo't bill of goods at L. Patchin & Co's-amounting to \$7.02 balanced by cash on the nail- Lyman very pleas't treated with excellent wine- acceptance thereof displeased my better half- Something said very favorable of U.S. Bank- Saw Jourl of Commerce of June 8- Traded at N.L. Robinson's 30 cs worth- Saw U.M. & Heman Robinson-the latter very recently from Medical Seminary-Woodstock, Vt- Hiram Waters & lady were here on washing business again. We got home by about 5 P.M. In papers much said respecting War by Mr. J.Q. Adams- Isaac Hill very conspicuous- Gov. of N. Hampshire.

FRIDAY, JUNE 10. Some great indications of rain- Not far from fair-Gr'd dry-Wd. S- Very warm a part of the time. Merc. 52°-80°-73°-82°-69° Many small affairs done up A.M. among which would mention laying flat stone near S.W. corner new barn for the purpose of receiving water falling from tin conductor- Ditch below S. milking yard made to swamp low the whole brook. DR. H. Swift came to see mother. Informed us of the death of Widow Lyman-sister of Wm & Luther Park-Lost her mother only a short time since-father yet living-pensioner of the Revolution-in which he bore the commission of lieutenant- Her widowhood had lasted many years-Left but two children.

-son & daughter-the former being A.P.J.Esqr.on whom she mainly depended for support-being an active attorney at law. With father attended funeral P.M. at the Baptist Church,E.Village. Mr.Loomis-Minister of the new Cong Ch. preached an appropriate sermon-from words something like these " Work while the day lasts" &c- Corpse borne on men's shoulders to the burying ground belonging to the Village- Mr.L. returned thanks at the grave- I was among those who assisted at carrying. After leaving grave saw J.Norton Esqr, with whom said a few words respecting Reub.Kent,formerly a carpenter & S.Harwood of the same calling who repaired cider press & mill for us in 1827. Supposed by giving them too much brandy the former was hastened out of the world,dying the March following, the latter greatly injured by it. Not however,designedly done on our part. Before leaving Village called at Booth,Dewey & Co's-look'd at & felt a strong inclination to purchase cast steel bladed shovel,but a stronger inclination to hold on to my money preponderated-so we bo't neither that nor anything else. Arriving at F.Blackmer's goods were purchased as recorded in Day Bk-p.38-under same date. Frank had grass in

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front yard mown-The same was done last year-June 9-Arrived home past 5 P.m. Sent Hopkins to get hearing trumpet at Hiram Waters'-said to have been presented by Miss Doty-Made safe return with it-On attempting to test its powers-no small inconvenience was realized- The small end very badly adapted to the entrance of the ear-assisted the hearing but poorly- S.Loomis just arrived from Troy-reported flour no cheaper than when last at the River-

SATURDAY,JUNE 11. High S.Wd-cldy-roads extremely dusty-rain vastly wished for & in fact at night commenced falling.lightened too- Merc. up to 60°-78°-70°- Geo. & Hopkins begin shingling roof of old horse barn-S. side- Father waits upon Adeline to uncle S.Robinson's-goes on errand to B.W.Jackson's-returns afterwards & enjoys fine visit at aunt Esther's & uncle Sam's- Cousin Heman,Amanda & Adeline went to Wells Martin's on visit. Afternoon I was up street-conversed with Sam'l Fay Esqr,on some of the most prominent political movements of the day- Called on P.Lyman Robinson-firm of L.P.& Co.let him know his neighbor had undersold him- must be careful to make bills to me as low as he could afford to-Protested that that was his aim- offered to pay back the difference which merely amounted to 0/6- refused it,but warned him against going too high in future. They all need watching. Coming down street near Raymond's-saw in two horse waggon-the lady of Joseph Nelson with whom exchanged a few words while her husband was returning from the Post Office-Said she should recollect to visit us in the course of the summer-more especially to see the dairy. At H.Waters'

wrote Bill of Acc^ts between him and A.Booth-chiefly lumber-a part of which not being up to agreement for quality-was returned. Having finished writing-he took me all over his new house & cellar to let me see how convenient & well furnished it was. Cellar faithfully flagged-walls smoothly finished in good durable style-in N.W. quarter of which stood a capacious reservoir built of bricks closely cemented-furnished with copper pump &c- to contain a large supply of rain water-at present however-so cracked could not contain any-must be repaired. Put in Hiram's hands \$2 to buy 8 yds two cloth at Booth, D & Co's., which he ultimately procured for me-at 25 cs- Bo't of F.Blackmer-phial-essence pepp'r mint for which paid 0/9. Rode home with father & Adeline. Boys had let Geo. Root have 1 bbl cider according to orders-charged on book-\$1.50 Father in the evening made thorough trial on hearing trumpet-talked over old affairs-bringing up old names-Loan Dewey and family as them constituted, left Bennington for White-stown-forepart of 1795. Elijah Boardman, once a neighbor of ours-left in Feb, I think, 1796- (Lost all became poor-I mean Dewey) Had some adverse fortune-but got going again pretty well-when he suddenly was taken ill & died. Dewey after losing about all his property returned to town again. Col. B. died in 1800 was born sometime in the year 1754- Mrs Wrisley rec'd in payment to Mrs S.H.Blackmer for fixing bonnet-pr Adeline 86 cs. Commenced writing with new steel pen-of Skinner's manufacture.

SUNDAY, JUNE 12. Fair-few clouds-cool-Wd.N. Merc. 56°-54°-70°-65°- Father, Geo. Mrs W & Adeline-attendants at church- Hopks drives Charley up & down-Large cheese put in press- Cows obtain high feed in Clark's orchard. Adeline & Hopkins get disappointed in visiting Robin's nest-young ones all flown. Wells & Sam Wrisley play politely together-the latter ascends ladder too high for safety-gets pretty thoroughly punished by the hand of his mother. Milking done in proper season. Father uses hearing trumpet. Dr.H.Swift & his friend S.H.Brown come here late in the day-the former to visit mother.

MONDAY, JUNE 13. Clear, cool morning-no great difference from that all day."Mares Tails" seen floating in atmosphere-wind N-Merc. 50°-71°-56°- Father & mother take ride together up street-afterwards-shingling goes on-old ones being of course first removed. P.m. wait upon Misses Lydia & Adeline to H.Waters' where they were landed-\$7 put in the hands of the former to buy such articles as she wanted- Mrs.Waters & Adeline performed the shopping- See Day Bk of this date. I proceeded to E.Village-entered into contract for settee-to furnish plank therefor-at 90 cs-that is-said plank was calculated to make bottoms for 2 settees-to be worth 90 cs- Call at Cushman's-no hat-at D B & Co's-looked & that was all, at's shovels-not disposed to buy-hurt too bad in the purse-Dan Hinsdill clerk-some remarks were

drawn from him respecting various ways of gaining livelihood in these days of sharpening. Come up to Frank's-enter store-get prices of sugar and molasses first quality-former 14-latter 56cs - At H.Waters' left wagg.for girls-came home a foot-reading in an old vol of the Spectator in which found very pretty satirical piece written in the forepart of 1712- I believe it was No.350- Up late copying bills of sale-Cheese 111 lbs on 12th

TUESDAY, JUNE 14. Pleas't-Chilly morning-cool for the season-wind fresh from S. Merc.47°-74°-60°-. Cheese June 13-106 lbs. Benj R. Sears commenced building waggon rack-rec'd assistance of G.P. Cheese of course claimed, its usual attention-some other affairs not neglected. Hopks went to mill for El.Wright- Conveyed basswood plank for settee to chairmakers- had tire set over again on one of the large wheels of one h. wagg.at Deac Winslow's. Father cut up Burdocks. Doc't H.Swift came down on visit to mother near noon. Mr.Day of Woodford made call- most of his discourse was directed to Benjamin. Martha Wrisley visited her mother late in the day- Cheese-14-110- Sa, House Wrisley began going to school to Miss Ruth Barney (teacher employ'd by Committee of School Dist.No.2) on the 13 th inst.-aged-4 years & a few days over 3 months.

WED. JUNE 15. Clear & cool-Wd. quite smart at N.W. Merc. 58°-57°- Noon not observed- Sunset 60°-9 o'clock 53- Cheese 15th 110. B.R.Sears & G complete rack-arm of big barn door-opening into new barn-taken out at bottom & replaced by new one-making all even & fair-Hopks goes to mill with 10 bbls rye pays toll in money at 4 cs-meal very properly ground-Brings home appletree stuff saw'd at Walbridge's- Likewise gets table leaf from H.Waters suits exactly- Started for town with old Spectator in hand reading No. 352- So doing when met by H.Waters & his friend Keyes- a few words in good

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humor were exchanged and the parties severally pursued their courses. Left book at H.W's-which he told me he found in the road-but his wife said he discovered the volume in the garret or some upper apartment of the Hendryz house. The piece I was reading was on the swindling or shaving propensities of dealers of those days-the description would apply as well now as then to certain classes & it ought to appear in our gazettes as often as once in 6 months at least. At Post Office get letters from J.A.Wight & Ellen M.Parsons-Have the last draft for \$150 pr Hon H.Hall(Hiland), cash'd at Bennington Bk. Go on to L.P.& Co's-exhibit memorandum of articles wanted-prices being fixed-Lyman & boys set right about putting them up. Walk over to N.L.Robinson's-stay but few moments-pass over to the Book Store-look at books-see Sol Clark, Col. Merrill & J.C.Haswell. Return to the store major A.

Robinson was relating anecdotes of his late father to Capt. A. Hyde - Paid Bill of \$8.32 - leaving articles to be bro't home by Hopkins on return from grist mill with 2 h. wagg. Said bill is entered at large in Day Book - P. 39. At G. R. Sanford & Co's bo't 6 lbs F. Yellow for which paid 36 cs - Henry V. D. Spiegle waited upon me. Made brief call at Hiram W's - Lydia Sophia very ill - At S. Chandler's order bolts for wagg. work-rack - to be made fast with nuts & screws. Hopks. got home first - Rach tried on waggon - fits well. W. S. Southworth takes a short sit down & informs us that his brother Gustav's was recently married to a young lady whose name I have forgotten, but at any rate called pretty fine & none the less for being sister to a girl bro't up in his father's family at Dorset, Vt. Perused account in part of the dreadful fate of Col. Fanning & his brave Texans who were most inhumanly massacred by order of Santa Anna - Date not recollected.

THURSDAY, JULY 16. Cldy-chilly S. wind - Rain expected - small supply rec'd - Rains at distance - Merc. 46° - or 47° - 68° - 70° - 72° - 65° - Read "June 16" instead of July - Benj. R. S. comes on again - Does small job in cheese room - hangs writing table near S. W. window - in kitchen - calculated almost purposely for my use. Cuts small window in W. gable end of new house - barn - for admission of air in sultry weather when getting in hay - fits in & suspends on butts - shutter to the same. Repairs great doors effectually by eking out or rather widening that which stands fast - so as to close up the vacancy between when shut - occasioned by shrinkage of boards since they were built. Father & Geo. complete shingling roof of horse barn - S side only - Something done afterwards in garden. Father waits upon mother & Lydia to H. Waters' - Lydia S. Waters extremely sick - her aunt L. stays to take care of her. Sam'l Chandler returns \$20 in money - lent April 21, if I mistake not - sends it by Hopkins. New wagg. rack bolted there in Hopks' charge. Very large cheese put in press. Thomas S. Kent returns military equipments lent to H. Warren a few days since.

FRIDAY, JULY 17. Hot-muggy - some rainy - some thunder - Great rain at night - Merc. 62° - 72° - 84° - 78° - 70° - at sunset - Long brace to N. W. corner - old barn & much done on new front gate by B. R. Sears & Geo. Father went to Friday meeting - Sherman C. Blair calls - seeks hkf pin to Adeline at \$2.50 rec'd in payment toward it another hkf pin at 75 - & \$1 in money - No, I am wrong - paid him only 75 in money - the remainder to be paid on his next call or if dissatisfied to exchange back as if there were no bargain at all. Wrote as handsome a dunning letter to O. W. Daniels as I knew how - had it lodged in the office. Appealed to his affections & to his honor if any he has. See Jour'l Nov 22 or 23 - 1833 - Jany 1834 - Oct or Nov. same year. Case very doubtful - Demand over 1/3 of \$100 - date about 22d or 23d Nov. 1834. Sam'l H. Wrisley in trouble at night - nothing serious.

Cheese 15th., 115 lbs-After 3d day pressg only 112

SATURDAY, JUNE 18. Warm, muggy-rained a little in the night-Good deal P.M. & eveg-thund'd early-Fine for grass-Merc. 72°-or 74°-80°-76°-73°- Gate completed, partly painted by B R Sears, who also prepared paint, French Yellow-Geo & Hopks paint kitchen floor with much other assistance, Benjamin performs some patch work like making new window stools to old frames. S. (6666) end of house. A quantity of Russian turnip plants were procured from Wid. Henry Fassett's garden over which Darius Clark seemed to preside-by Hopkins & transplanted to our garden. Mary Ann-wife of Benj. R. Sears & daughter Betsey visited here this day. Benj. Webb Esqr came over purposely to notify us of the death of our cousin Stephen Harwood who at a late hour of Friday night hanged himself in his shop-Supposed to have been insane-had indulged himself pretty profusely in his cups of late-affairs not in properous train at all-leaving sons & daughters to lament his melancholy & untimely departure. Resided in the E. part of the town on the farm left him by his father. Buried his wife early in Sept 1831-Eldest son not far from thirty-Aged 53 in May last if I be correct-Cooper by trade very good carpenter also-and aside from intemperance could have been a useful man. Rather singular in behavior-good deal deaf-pale countenance-stout built-full middling for size & height. His father bore the same name.-youngest of my late grandfather's brethren born about the year 1752- died I believe, in Sept 1815. Think ourselves not indebted to the estate. Doct. H. Swift came to operate on gr't toe of my father. Hopkins waited upon B R S lady & girl home. Cheese on the 17th-102 lbs.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19. Great rain on Sat. night-Warm cldy-rain some P.M. & eveg-Merc. 69°-72°-65°-64°- Attended funeral of our cousin-Large collection of people-Sermon by Mr. Loomis-From "Ye shall all likewise perish" &c-Very appropriate. Interment under the boughs of the big oak a few rods N.W. of the house where the relatives & friends of deaces'd had been buried.-Very singular piece of ground-difficult to dig. Capt. Perez Harwood & cousin N.L. Robinson appeared amongst the mourners-likewise Geo.P. The last came a cross lots with me home-accomp'd a part of the way by D. Weeks Jun & Elisha Downs. Rode over with father in wagg- Cousin N.L. accomp'd to meeting-house on his return. Commenced late in the day reading Trial of Rich'd P. Robinson for murder of Helen Jewett-City N.Y. Ladies as usual attended Mr. Hooker's church. Mother & Lydia rode to H. Waters' in the morg. Cheese 18th-101 lbs- Never a more growing season.

MONDAY, JUNE 20. Chilly-cldy-rainy-most profusely so from 5 P.M. to sunset-Terrible milking time-all wet as rats-Ben Sears as-

sisted- came on to be a real E. storm-Wd. apparently here-W. Merc. 54°-52°-48°-- Very wet season grass growing rapidly. Cheese 19th-107 lbs.

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B R Sears here again- Fixes contrivance to raise barn door latch- repairs cheese follower by screwing on 1/2 inch whitewood board-clear stuff-accurately fitted thereto- See Day Book of June 20- Hews gate post-material being butternut of first quality-selected by father-who felled the tree on hill S. of the upper orchard-not far from S W corner- Post planted gate suspended thereon in the midst of rain. Bottom of post(less)left bigness of the tree-bark off-sunk over 3 1/2 feet below surface- Hewing principally done on floor of new barn. Benjamin also made some slight improvements on front doors calculated to keep out cold air in winter. Tarries over night-the rain being too much to encounter-merely for the sake of going home. Father in the course of the evening gave a running history of the families that first settled in Bennington-more especially that of the Saffords-

In my Jour'l June 18, 1826 -some notice of the first settlement is taken. An accurate account of that event & circumstances connected with it, well drawn up, would be far more useful & entertaining than anything I have entered on record in all my life. Had I the materials-I need hardly to add-for it must be plain to all who read me-that my ability is far below its proper performance. Improved some part of the time in reading Robinson's Trial. Hopks & W Sibley, the latter here most of the day, waited upon aunt Lydia & Adeline in wagg to H. Waters'- Our elegant front gate (erected where stood that which was built by Josiah Riley, June 1803-suddenly destroyed 27th July-1835 by the Herrington bull-then in the care of Sam. H. Brown accidentally getting loose)-is excellently well put together-braced & rivetted in manner to defy sagging-planed smoothly & delicately & to render it weatherproof-faithfully & neatly painted Venetian Red.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21. Chilly-cldy-some rain-much less so than on the 20th-Sun not visible-Very cold evening-Driving E. wind. Merc. 48°-54°-51°- or 52°-. Benj. goes off in the morning accomp'd by Miss Adeline who returns with horse & wagg- Choring day-shed cleared of shavings & timbers-painting gate, first coat, completed. Potatoes at the barn properly stored. Wagg rack served like the gate. Some important movements in the garden by ladies. A stranger of intemperate appearance-calls for cider-refused-goes off highly displeased. Much engaged in reading Robinson's Trial. Hopkins waits upon aunt Lydia home from H. W's. Mrs Wrisley visits Mrs Brown & babe-reports favorably. Buy 8 runnets sent here by Miss Emma

Hicks pr U M Robinson's boy Alfred-pay for the same 8/0 in full. New tow frock apron finished complete. Cheese June 20th-108 lbs.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22. Cold-cldy- more like October than-June-Searching N. wind- Merc. 49°-62°-58°- No weather for corn. Spent the morning attending to usual concerns. Before 9 started for Wagar's-Pownal- Conveyed thither by my son in one horse wagg. before which he drove "Charley".-leaves me there & returns immediately. Most of the time up to about 12 was alternately at W's & Bates'- W. Bates hoeing corn E. of the brook. People interested began to assemble at the tavern- Judge Danforth made minute inquiry into our dairying concern. told him all- Encouraged me in the belief of obtaining high prices the ensuing fall. Just ready to sit down to dinner at B'2- Received preemptory call from Pownal Constable to attend trial-Obey implicitly-and much to my mortification find only a single juror beside my puny self. Those who were expected & for whom they thus had waited-were John Norton, B. Squires, E D Hubbell & J V D McEwen. The gentleman associated with me was Sam'l Rockwood. I had no suspicion before coming from home of being thrust into so responsible a situation-would have given boot to be off & even had a faint notion that the trial would be adjourned on account of the absence of the other Jurors until after the Court was opened by Mr. Justice O.C. Merrill, before whom the suit was bro't & the question submitted to the parties who at once agreed to proceed. Only the 3d cause I had ever before heard as Juror. Do not feel disposed, nor am I capable of giving a clear & full account of the affair in hand. As near as I can state with brevity-Josiah Bennett had in keeping an illegitimate male child named George Welch-offspring of his wife's sister-Miss Esty- aged I believe about 5 years-born at his house-kept by its mother until about 2 yrs old & then left in his care & at his expense-except clothing which she furnished. Being poor & having a large family of his own to maintain he applied to the selectmen of the town for assistance. They evasively kept putting him off from time to time-giving some encouragement that they would do something for him bye & bye- But it seems there never was fairly any real bargain to that effect made until last Spring. What was wanted now was to get pay for keeping it about 18 months anterior to that time. So the Town of Pownal stood Defendant against Josiah Bennett, Plaintiff. Sylvanus Danforth & P. Isham for the latter- W S Southworth for the former. Witnesses duly sworn & examined on either side including the mother of the child-Shan't go into particulars- Ben. Myers' testimony sworn down-being bro't on by Defendant- Judge Danforth same side swore to conversation with Noel Barber-then selectman-which the latter under oath could not recollect. Judge

Sam Wright-Selectman in 1835 in the course of his testimony stated that Bennett never used to say anything respecting the matter except when he had been drinking. After a patient & rather protracted examination-the testimony for both sides was closed-arguments made powerfully by counsel (for the parties) & submitted to the Jury, after a short & too brief summing up by Mr. Justice Merrill. It was consigned to ~~(the)~~ us at about 5 P.M.- Mr. Constable Thomas Burgess taking charge of & leading us into W's N. room- Some consultation was held in respect to who should be foreman-which resulted in my acceptance of the honorable station. Neither of us had taken down a scrap of evidence- Sent out the officer to request the Justice to oblige us with his minutes. Returned for answer that he could not do that -but if we desired it-would make a further statement of the case or something I took to be of the same import- We went on with it-feeling myself considerably embarrassed. Mr. R. was pretty sure that B. had failed to prove the contract hoped that I was of the contrary opinion so that we might disagree and let it pass to another Jury. After talking it over a short time, finding myself pretty clearly inclined the same way-went in with a verdict for Defendant- Receiving the mighty sum of 25 cs a piece for services- Justice asked twice over if we were agreed? Assured him we were. Immediately leaned for home- Rode a part of the way with Mr. Rockwood, friend Southworth

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being fellow passenger. Asked his opinion, aside from his being employed as counsel by one of the parties, of the decision? Said it was about right. Parted with them below the school house. Overtaken afterwards by Merrill & Isham who entered into conversation respecting it-intimating very clearly that we had done wrong- ought to have given it to plaintiff-the town expected nothing else- If so, the Col. should have sent us out again. Really taking into view the clashing of testimony and some other circumstances attending-it was quite puzzling. Could I have arbitrated thereon- would have given it to Bennett. Reached home before dark. Irish peddler here overnight. Father & Geo. worked in garden. Hopks waited upon mother up Street-

THURSDAY, JUNE 23. Chilly, cldy-raw E. wind-Rained faintly on E. mountain- Merc. 58°-63°-56°- Bill of fare against Lapslay the pedlar 73 cs- Bo't of him 2 3/4 yds Diaper at 3/0 Yk -\$1.03 paid balance of 30 cs in money. Father with Lydia in wagg starts for Troy, N.Y. takes \$35 in money, Bennington paper with him. Pedlar drove good young horse-dealt mostly in Diaper-I believe- Potatoes in N. meadow hoed-commenc with others in S. mead. Recieve visit from cousin Heman Robinson.

Began letter to J.A.Wight in reply to his of June 9-rec'd on the 15th.

FRIDAY JUNE 24. Chilly- colder than on the 23d. Rain expected-wind a part of the time extremely high from the E. Merc. 52°-not observed from morning until 5 P.M.then 60°-55°- Finished hoeing potatoes. Sent off letter to Wight or rather put it in a way to go by having it left at the Brick Shop-E.Wright's ready for the Mail Stage Coach-which however came not this way passing round by E.Village. Cheese of 23d 107 lbs.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25. Cldy-N.E. weather-Indications of rain.Ther'm 54°-61°-58°- Geo. takes uprights of the old Riley gate by means of which constructs new one leading into milking yard direct from house to barn. That which was laid aside-fitted to the same place-was erected by Reub'n Kent,(Carpenter to this little neighborh'd) say in 1821 May 24. Women paint milk room floor-as Geo. does front gate 2d coat. Cheese 107 lbs. Hopkins works for Elihu Wright-dropping plaster on corn-Dr. Wrisley in the same service. Recall'd letter from Wright's- Fill'd out the same to the brim-sent it by G.P. to post office that it should reach Mr. Wight on Monday next. Among other articles mentioned marriage of Seth Hunt of N.Y.City-son of Jon.H. of Benngt'n to Miss Frances Raymond of this place-daughter of S.C.R-Cashier of Bank of Bennington. Journalized, besides , to some amount. Adeline rec'd company late in the day. Miss Elizabeth with her brother Allen P.Harwood from Ticonderoga N.Y. children of the late Eleazer Harwood of the same place. The grandfather of sd children was the 2d brother of my late grandfather Peter Harwood-Was one of the heads of the 6 families who first settled in this town-June 18 1761. Some years afterwards removed to Pittsford with his numerous family & became a Preacher of the Gospel-continued with his people in that capacity until his death in May 1807- His name was also Eleazer-supported an unspotted reputation-both in public & private life- But in regard to education he was very limited-which perhaps emnarrass'd him more or less all his days. The young lady, rather handsome without seeming to know it, was 22 in Jany lasty her brother 18 Oct next. were introduced to Adeline by the Misses Bigelow-who soon after returned home. Geo.P.paid Miss P.Thayer in full for making frock coat for Hopkins \$2.50-our own money. Hopkins joined an eeling party-headed by Elihu W, Mr Root & Co &c- Caught nothing.

SUNDAY JUNE 26.. E wd. & cldy continued-Growing some warmer- Merc. 57°-67°-60°- General turn out to meeting as might naturally be supposed-among the young craft. In the evening conversed with Miss Elizabeth & brothers respecting old Fort Ty- Mount Independance-Mount Defiance,

Lake George- Wid. Kelley &c &c- Found them really intelligent-

Doct. H. Swift came to visit mother twice this day- (S H Brown) John Hicks Esqr. accompnies him near sunset. Ira B? Dewey-agent of Warren Pierce-arrives very late in the evening in one h. wagg-bringing with him a boy of P's-about 10 yrs of age- Oat horse & turn it away to pasture. S H B's horses were driven from our enclosures this morning- No rare occurance now a days.

MONDAY, JUNE 27.

Became more like hot summer-Wd getting mainly N.E. flying cldy, misty rain. Merc. 53°-81°-72°- Young Harwoods away early-Very welcome guests-would have been pleased to have had them tarry much longer- but their arrangements would not admit of it. Verbally gave me a sort of family record which if I am not to remiss-may copy into this Jour'l. Ira B. & boy having breakfast with the family, departed. Hoed corn. Father & Lydia arrived from Troy-say 6 P.M. Enjoyed fine visit at Capt Waters' & at his son-in-laws-Hendrick's Coffin's &c- Saw Troy Bridge, Rail Road Cars, & a great many other fine objects. Bo't large Bible-printed at Hartford Ct, Prayerbook and some other articles-am'tg to \$9.49- But here I mistake-their goods came to a lesser sum-to which adding expenses-came thereto in full. Paid F.W. Coffin for fine cherry table calculated for us, \$9.23- to be forearded by S. Loomis Esqr. Total sum paid out \$18.72. Mrs Waters sent as a curiosity a letter from Bohan Dewey, brother of her mother & mine- Dated- Camp- Yk Island-Sept 20, 1776- address'd to her father Eph Taylor. Should like well enough to copy it. Shall if not too lazy.. Cheese 26 109 lbs. Copied Dec. 11.

TUESDAY (JULY) JUNE 28. Cldy from N.E.- flat warm faint air- Sun red in the mg. Great quantity of smoke at the N. so much that mountains of Sandgate & Manchester were totally obscured. Slight showers of rain came on- 3 or 4 P.M. Had real thund'r shower at 5 & 6 from N.E. whence afterwards for several hours arose a succession of showers. Lightning very sharp-thund'r very heavy- E wind blowing, a part of the time powerfully.- Sd wind within a few days past damaged gardens & other like property very considerably In Woodfd & E. part Benningtn. Merc. 52°-80°-84°-

Second hoeing completed! Substantial poplar timber for cow troughs procured from hill W of N. part Grove.. Old Mr. Loomis pays father a neighborly visit late in the day-both extremely deaf-Mrs Kent also pays her respects here. Cat tribe some troublesome. Mother & Lydia in 1 h. wagg go to the house of Aaron Osborn-foot of Spruce Ridge for Diadamia to persuade her girl, their or his daughter, to return unto former service- But it was too late-to some factory she would go-in spite of all that could be said by them or her mother- Came off without her.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29. Cldy-faint-grew hot early-Wind seemingly hauling round S.- Near noon clds were slowly from N.E. Thunders-commenced raining at ab't 1 P.M. Merc. 60°-76°-74°- In open sun S. end of the house stood at 103°-Under shed 77°-76°- S. side house again 94°- During rain at 72°-67°-65°-.

Bennington, June 29, 1836 Geo. works out cow troughs Hopkins feeds the horse "Charley"-makes an improvement on box trap-lids made fast by wires bent up in a particular manner. Mother rides, accomp'd by Mrs Wrisley in wagg. to Hinsdillville on business with B.W. Jackson-they returned to uncle Sam Robinson's-make call-old folks gone-get wet in the bargain-Got home in due season- Paid Mrs Wrisley this morning, tow'd wages \$5-in money- Cheesing, as usual, personally-Wrote Jour'l. There was trouble on account of cats.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30. Pleas't very warm-smoky after pt of the day-Still air-morning-even all day-Cool, foggy morning-Merc. 56°- noon 80°-75°-70°- Cheese 29th-98-only.

Troughs done-Dry casks headed up & placed away in safety- Father weeds wheat & rye growing E. of cheese house. Hopkins waited upon his grandmother to the W. part of the town. Call'd at Mr. S. Scott's-old Sam soon to start for Chicago. Paid over to my lady \$13 of \$18 which she agreed to accept of for her use upto 1st Oct-giving me an account of articles purchased-& if there should be any unexpended on sd day to return it. All hands attend meeting at Judge L. Norton's in the evening-except mother & self father & Geo. Quantity of cheese made the present month-Lbs 3173-In 1835-2802.

FRIDAY JULY 1.. Sun arose in dense smoke-remained red all the morning, yellow all day- Merc. 62°- Four P.M. 86 1/2°- 70°- Boys get poplar timber, for long whey spout, left, near west fence of upper orchard, belonging to H. Waters'-Not exactly taken as people sometimes do without leave-there being a sort of good understanding between the parties. Father attended Friday meeting all day-Geo. P.M. Assisted about cheese A.M. Helped Hopkins make a sort of causey in the night pasture S. of meadow -P.M.-endured headache. Very pleas't visit rec'd from cousin Heman H. Robinson & sister Emily & Amanda. Conversed with him on books-N. Carolina, as a State- Fayetteville &c- Cousin G. seemed to enjoy past-time with us after meeting. Adeline walked with said cousins on Rocks W. of house. Excused therefore from her share in milking. I regret much the appearance of this page-accidentally blotted-Scorch'd by hot flat.

SATURDAY (JUNE) JULY 2d. Weather excepting greater heat-much the same. Rained & thundered on E. mountains. Very hot. Merc. 62° 92° 72° red sun in the mg. Fine growing season. Didn't

pretend to drive much business. Whey spout finished & put in its proper place-seemed to go off well- PM rode to town with Geo & Hopkins in Root's meat wagg. Two scythes bo't of F.Blackmer-at \$1.00-& lower if price of the article should go lower here after.-but not to rise higher on any acct-Rub stone inclusive made bill \$2.08-standing unpaid- Bo't bottle highly recommended ink for which pd 18' Yk. Powder & shot for Hopkins-same amt.paid. Looked at cloth usually called moleskin-best quality- as he asserted-best in town-offered at 6/9 pt yd. Didn't buy- Went up to L.Patchin & Co's-offered goods apparently as valuable-same material at 5/3- P.L.Robinson exercises usual activity behind counter. I bring up in musical way what T C Parsons used to say of merchants in general-that they invariably would throw out meanest articles first. He had just acted up to that character himself- & G said, for I did not observe it, that it rather staggered him.- I meant nothing in so saying-except mere fun. Drank, by invitation-sweeten'd water-nicknamed at home "Contradiction". Nat Noyce present-pleased too to hear Lyman beat himself down on his goods. Gordon Squares also present. Went down to William Haswell's former dwelling-now occupied by cousin Edwin Robinson-found C S Pool in the back room feeding silk worms- Requested his bill for late small jobs- the am't being \$1.94-paid it in full-would reduce said bill to writing some day & hand it over. In coming home called at Hiram Waters' rec'd cherry table built by Coffin of Troy-forwarded pr S Loomis- Payment already made- See June 27- Six legs, accomodated with casters-wide leaves-suited exactly-no doubt. Usual concerns look'd to after getting home. Henry Parsons arrived from Hoosick- in the evening- Shewed us plan of tin baker lately invented by Wilder & him.

SUNDAY, JULY 3d. Very warm- with savings breeze- S.wind- Heat less oppressive- than on the 2d- Distant thunder druing A.M.- Rained some-evening. Merc. 67°-83°-74°-- All at church except wife, self & S H Wrisley- Henry Parsons gets away before noon.

MONDAY, JULY 4. Great indications of approaching rain-which were faintly realized before & P.M - after all- could not say there was much. Firmament overcast darkly with clds greater part of the day. Great guns heard not unfrequently. Merc. 67°-68°-- Not seen at (night) noon- 74°- at night. It was wish'd to hoe for Mr. Root-b but the weather turned out so adverse- that little could be bro't about in that way- Scythes ground for beginning to mow. Besides cheesing wrote Jour'l. Adeline ransack'd the house all over to find Letter from Cous. H.H.R. Elihu Wright dismissed Dr. Wrisley from being boarder at his house.

TUESDAY, JULY 5. Really hot-cldy-small thunder-shower-P.M. Merc. 66°-86°-74°-70° Father & mother ride N. part of the town.making

numerous short calls at various houses- Including E. Montague's- Return at noon- Mother sick at night- Waggon rigg's for hayting. P.M. father, Geo, Hopkskins work for Root at haying-I joined them 2 hours. Hopkins tho't what he had previously done & his services this day would make him up 2 days- Apart from thatt rated ours at 1 day- Boys in the evening rode up Street-Mrs W inclusive- Bo't 7 cs worth-no 12 1/2 cs worth tar at B F Fay's- At Post Office got an excellent letter from J A Wightt & Ode composed by him for 4th July- The latter suited my notbn grandly.

WED. JULY 6.. Rained in the night- cldy all day- 2 or more dashes rain P.M. Merc. 62°-80°-69°- Father & boys hoe for Elihu Wright My daily cheese employment over-started for grist mill with 10 bbls rye & 1 of Ind corn. Cpnveyed mother to & left her at H. Waters & halted at Dr N. Swift's & requested a visit from him to her which was promised & performed. Got N.Y. paper at F. Blackmer's- Near Nicholls met Ira B Dewey on his way to our house-in employment of Mr. J. W. Pierce- Left grist at Walbridge's mill in care of James Harwood- Went on to Hinsdill's- found Ed H. Swift in store- first time had seen him- since his return from the south. Talked with him good deal respecting state of the country. Fort St. Augustine & c- Clerks mostly present- Bo't of Druggist Edgerton-after deliberate examination, & getting the lowest price at which he said the article could be afforded-assuring me that they gave nearly the same for item- 9 Perryian & 12 Gillet steel pens for \$1 cash down.. Returned to mill-read N.Y. paper during grinding.

L836 Bennington July 6, 1836. At Safford's Robinson's returning home- saw & conversed with Dr. Hiram Robinson a few moments- In good health, or rather comfortably so, - pale & lame from shock of palsy- speech considerably affected- memory somewhat impaired. recollected me-but not much of our boyish days- sociable & agreeable-going for the S. on the morrow- Stated his age at 49 in August next-, but if my memory rightly serves me- his brother Safford told me May 16 1835 on a certain day that month Dr. H. would be then 49 At Hiram Waters mother took seat- we got some wet before getting home. I B Dewey stays the night. In the evening Dr. Ashley's last letter to H Waters' Dated, Russell, N.Y. June 29-1836- was read- all well- Mrs A's mother, old Mrs Waters, was there in good health. Stood journey well.

THURSDAY, JULY 7. Extremely hot- made some more tolerable by some fresh puffs of N. wind. Merc. 66°-81°-86°-76°- Friend Levi Jewett came up here this morning & in the course of conversation said it was reported that during the great thunder storm lately experienced in the night- Reynolds Carpenter lost 48 hd sheep struck with

lightning- J. came without his shoes on- Wanted to borrow road scraper for digging cellar-gave leave to take it-would send up another day- Edwin Robinson borrowed of me \$10-to be paid on Saturday next. Potatoes were all hoed- corn-2/3'ds- Elihu Wright worked for us. Hopks had mare shod-Saw John Harwood respecting coming to hay it with us.

FRIDAY, JULY 8. Few days hotter than this-Fair-some few flying clds- wind starting up now and then fresh from N.W.- Merc. 64°-81°-88°-90°-84°-85°-76°-74°- Hoeing all done. Bad weeds pulled from among standing grain-Barns prepared for reception of hay- Boys early eveg-set an open hhd near the head of hither brook to be filled with water. Mother & Lydia took morning ride together. Wife, daughter & self took another P.M. Left Adeline at H.W's- Continued round to Booth, Dewy & Co's-Mrs H. alighted, bo't gingham-amounting to 44 cs-for which paid out of her own money. Seeing William Gibbons-made enquiry about hand to hay it? Knew of none. In spite of excessive heat continued ride by way of Pratt, Smith & Atwood road to Eunice & Levi Jewett's- Halted & made short visit- Much said respecting management of Mrs Duncan & husband-from which it appeared that the former had herself to thank mainly for failure. Dr. Jonas was now at Sophia's-poor & in low health. Saw Joann-Old Lady-& Dairy- The last in good condition-tho' without bandages. Got home in season for milking cows- Dr. N Swift came to see mother late in the day- Confirmed all we had heard in regard to Mrs D. Cheese 7th 98 lbs- Eunice Jewett 49 in Aug.

SATURDAY, JULY 9. Hot as mustard. Cloudy- Thundered E & N.W.-Merc. 69°-88°- greater part of the day-Wd. S.W. Begin haying-cutting grass nearest at hand. Mother & Lydia take morning ride. Cousin Ed. Robinson with his brother-in-law-Wells Martin- Is prepared to pay the \$10-but wants to hire 20 or 30 more. So I gave him \$20- to which added the other 10-drew note \$30 which Ed signed- saying he would allow me 8 pr ct and get his brother Uel M. for security. pay over on any day w when wanted. Told him I supposed could do without it until first Sept. Hopks undertook to ride to Dr. N. Swift's for medicine for Grandma- but failed on account of indisposition- Mrs W. out of health. My employment during P.M. was, doing up N. side new barn against cold N. winds in winter.

SUNDAY, JULY 10. Very warm night-fine moderate rain in the morning from N- Thermometer first seen at 72°- or 73°- falls to 68°- during rain-Noon 73°-before 5 80°- Sunset 68°- Geo, Hopks, Lydia & Adeline go to meeting-Audience counted by request of Mr. Hooker in sermon time. Hon. H. Hall & lady were at church together-former got home from Washington on Saturday. Time principally employed on Jour'l- Got little leisure for reading-Dairying of course must go on- whether or no.

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MONDAY, JULY 11.

Cloudy to no great extent-
Cool mornng-wholesome air all
day -Merc. 52°-80°-72°- Cheeseing-haying-going on.
Hopkins begins to mow-Geo. takes lead- I take some
part in the same game. Two lds hay got in from S.
meadow-near gate & bridge-Call'd full ton.
Father & mother rode to cousin Judah Harwood's-
fore part of the day-Saw their daughter Betsey-made
all due inquiry respecting health & circumstances-
which if not the worst imaginable, were bad enough-
Left a few potatoes & some other articles of provis-
ions for them- Got home past noon- Much said after-
wards of these people. Up late evening-writing.

TUESDAY, JULY 12..

Cldy-from E-Indications of ap-
proaching rain-Sun out very hot
a part of the day-Merc. from 60°- to 86°--72°- at
night. Mowing done in N. meadow- Small ld hay gott
~~in~~ in-say 1/2 ton. Root comes on-grinds his scythe-
mows a little-is with us perhaps one 1/2 of the day-
Father & Mother ride to Mr. Austin Harmon' Jun'rs-
make little visit-himself sick-confined to his bed-
aged about 79-old lady remarkably smart-about 78-
Called at Mr. Daniels' heard by letter their son Or-
ren that Mr. Duncan & family in Scipio, N.Y.-were
in good condition & health. that Sylvanus W-living
on the Edgerton farm-had on, Friday last sustained
material injury to his health by over-heating while
zealously employed in his field at hoeing. New Bank
Regulations publish'd in Haz't

Geo, Hopkins & Adeline go up to L. Patchin. & s-evee
Goods purchas'd by her. & pd for \$1.16.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13th.

Faint, cldy, hot-Rain expected-
none worth naming-Merc. 69°-
78°-80°-72°- Haying- Root comes on in the morning-
off short time before noon-on again-stays untill
past noon- then clears for the remainder of the day-
to wait upon his sister. So he said as he left. For
this day might cr him work 1/2 day- A certain spot
of N. meadow-a few rods N. of a flourishing elm-
manured with fine old manure-produced 2 clever loads
hay- with one of which, Root in turning too short
crippled the waggon badly- In the end had to send it
off to Ogden's to be repaired. Sent for mother &
our sister Lydia(sent) \$15 to S. Loomis Esqr with
written request to purchase 2 bbls flour at Troy.
Wrote Jour'l until late evening.

THURSDAY, JULY 14.

After a continuation of the same
kind of weather as described
above-came on glorious rain which cooled the air-
refreshed evry species of vegetation & wrought won-
derful good, beyond expression, to the face of nature
Mercury, say about 70°-mornng- rising subsequently to
78°- or 80°- after rain fall to 66°-64°- Some mow-
ing done between showers-father taking part therein.
Hopkins waited upon his grandmother to H. Waters'
where she staid all night. Sent H. afterwards to get
follower to cheese hoop repaired at S. Chandler's-

Executed much writing in this Jour'l-Blotted under date of July 1. Meadows full of large grass-in many instances badly lodged.

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FRIDAY JULY 15.

Very fine-pleas't- Few clds-
Wind mainly N. or might have
been E. George, assisted by neighbor Root-spent much
of the day mowing-Grass heavy & good deal lodged-
R. stays all day- Between 2 & 3 tons of hay got in
by Elihu Wright & me-the former loading it-begins
working for us not far from 10 A.M.-holding on un-
till night-& then assisting at milking-Mother is
bro't home at night. State of Mercury may be thus
given- 61°-78°-80°-84°-70°-

SATURDAY, JULY 16. Fine bracing weather-Some
broken clds-Cool-Wd. N.W. Merc. 58
74°-87°- Grand for hay making. No mowing-Sent off
the old waggon to be repaired at Ogden's, by Hopks-
who borrowed one of Mr. Brown's with which, all the
hay down-mostly in prime order, was carted in.
Quantity of hay thus far obtained-since first be-
ginning-present term-estimated at 10 tons. Ground
gone over-small portion of S. meadow- S. of the S W
part of old orchard- & a few rods between gate &
brook- Of N. meadow-say 3 acres new ground N.W. part
besides old ground in patches but mostly joining
the new at the lower N.E. edge, say one acre.
Mr. Loomis deliv'd 12 bbls flour for which in Troy
he paid pr bbl \$7.12 1/2.- Charged 80 cs transpor-
tation-which along with that of the table, mention'd
on the 2d inst. 2/o was paid in full.

To wind up, B's Irishman, came to get the wagg
which was loaded with hay-quickly unloaded & away.
Cheese of July 15th-103 lbs. Weather very favorable
to dairying. Arrived from Hoosick Falls Mrs Ruth
Parsons & youngest daughter-Mary Elizabeth. Came
hither in fine waggon before which were driven good
horses in first rate harness-by Foster or Seth F.
Parsons-who, employed by the owner, Hiel Parsons-was
to wait upon Mr. Balch & Miss Chapin- Principal &
Assistant of Bennington Academy along with his son
H. Kenyon. to his residence this evening.

SUNDAY, JULY 17. Fair, cool, handsome. Merc. 47°-
76°-68°- Ladies & gent such as
usually went to meeting from this house-were there
this day- Mrs Parsons & sister-self & son absent.
Rec'd short visit from S W Daniels- Not very se-
riously injured by over-heating. Bro't writing up
to 16th. Examined papers in regard to doings of
Congress at the close of the session. Rec'd bad
contusion by accidental fall against cheese press-
applied hot salt & vinegar had good effect-location-
left side near shoulderblade. Lydia also underwent
pain & damage in the left hand by putting it forth
as she attempted rising from milking cow very sud-
denly-the beast starting in great fright. Commenc-
ed writing with Perryian pen. Cheese 16th-103 lbs.

MONDAY, JULY 18- (Confined) Continued fair-growing
warmer- Merc. 46°-77°-72°-

Father & Geo. pursued morn'g. Rode for E. Village with mother-met Hiel Parsons in fine waggon-halted & conversed a moment-on his way to our house-afterwards on arrival there took in Mrs Ruth & drove home with her & little Mary. I drove to the red boarding house of Judge L. Norton- at the 3d door of which was met by the lady of J. Rogers who greeted mother most affectionately-tears were mutually shed by the parties while very touching religious facts & allusions were plentifully made use of in discourse. The latter being strongly pressed by the former alighted & went into the house while I was doing my errands. Tried friend Jon. strenuously for haying-talked quite encouragingly.-would consult with his employer Mr. French-who, if he would give way-should immediately come on. Forthwith visited house of John Harwood-learned from his wife that he was hoeing potatoes on his son's Asahel's land over against Nat. Dansforth's nailor's shop. Had told her he was sorry he had given encouragement that he would come so soon.-didn't believe he could. According to the direction went to the place afore-said-saw & solicited him to come to our assistance. promised to do so on Wedy next. Not extravagant in price \$1 pr day. Going thither from main road came in contact with children of very ill manners belonging to friend Danforth & wife. Looked into shop-forge, bellows, rods, very few, & some other apparatus in one end. Calf & what not in the other.- making a curious contrast. This Danforth is allowed to be one the foremost at his trade. But, but, but- that's enough-Let him sip- I can stay no longer to tell his Biog'y- Returned to J.R's-rec'd answer in full that next day he would commence for us at \$1 pr day- Would not have turned out for any other man. Mother resumed seat in waggon. Came up to F. Blackmer's- Got Spect July 11. At Ogden's my son had procured complete repairs of wagg-Splic'd-block tongue & long, under reach. Mr. O stated to him his whole acct against me amounting to \$4.17-being, making settt whippletrees-1 double-2 single & repairing wagg- Saw & spoke with him at I & W Weeks' respecting pay-might slide-not concerned about it at all- Should not want beef-going to rear his own-next fall-so of course expected money- assured him he should about those days be paid without trouble. Seeing among, others Potter the tinman-gave like excuses respecting demands standing, at his employer-Sanford's shop, against me- would call & settle at no distant day. With big wagg, which was naked, clear of box or rack, in tow-Hopkins in Co-halting for mother at H. Waters'-came home. Dined with the family- Again P.M. took seat in waggon alongside my better half-for said Village-meeting W S Southworth Esqr, toward farther end Doolittle's MdAdam as we were reeling & nodding from drowsiness-presume our appearance to a stranger might have been very suspicious.- Compliments however were pleasantly exchanged

Went directly to Jonathan's-landed wife there-
 proceeding personally to the black smith's shop of
 Henry Norton-tying beast in shade-spending short time
 conversing with my old friend J. Norton who was em-
 ployed in painting cartwheels with singularly broad
 rims- Geo. Gilson present-trying to soap me on the
 score of ability in management of pecuniary affairs.
 Went to shop of Mr. French- found J. Rogers medding
 up boots for haying- Hands wanted water-I bro't a
 pitcher full from the old Godfrey well with which
 they appeared satisfied. One of them spoke of get-
 ting chance at haying.-rather suspected that voice
 was not new to me ,but tho't no more of it until Rog
 told me it was Lauren Peck-Connecticut gentleman that
 came to our house- June 29, 1832-bo't & paid money
 for 4 bbls cider at \$1.50 At store of John Norton
 & Co Jonathan at my expense rigg'd himself with scythe
 & snaith-for \$1.83 which was paid to Ed. Norton. Gil-
 son present-likewise a chimney sweep in sooty attire-
 Saw in N.Y. paper quite a smart anti-V. Buren letter
 from a cit. of that City to another of Boston of
 recent date. Rec'd jug brandy-say 1 @a-G. tow'd
 cider deliv'd at distillery last fall. Visited gro-
 cery nearly opposite store toe enquire price of ci-
 der by the bbl. No one knew. Leon'd Godfrey present-
 Spoke to him for settlement-would attend to it soon-
 Rode in 1 h wagg with him under keen motion to S.
 Weeks' where a swap of horses between him & a young
 man, nam'd Elwell, with mouthful of large teeth
 through which rolled forth wthout apparent effort
 frequent big oaths, after sufficient trial of speed
 &c was effected- the latter recieving \$30 boot money
 & from what I could gather had the hardest end of
 the bargain. This business closed- walked over to
 Sharp's grocery, where formerly

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was kept by th late Capt. .
 Cyrus Hill's horse shed-made
 settlement in full for teaming- Bro't in debt more
 than was expected-not calculating so high as 25 cs.
 At first bro't it out against me \$1.50, but seeing t
 it so much exceeded my conception-of his own accord
 dock'd his acc't 25 cs- leaving balance due \$1.25-
 which I paid. took his bill receipted & came off-
 Returned to shoemakers shop-arrang'd business with
 J. Rog-who was to grind scythe & walk over in the
 morning. Forgot brandy in B. Squires' office. Called
 for wife at J. Rog's-came up street-passing by Esqr
 Southworth near the bridge across brook beyond foot
 of meetinghouse hill- let fly at the predicament(jokes
 in which he had so lately seen me. Drove to L.
 Patchin & Co's store at which the good woman bo't
 red Circassia for cushion to settee-amounting to \$3.
 Visited printing office- M.L. Selden & Sol Clark made
 enquiry respecting dairy which was met by full & fav-
 orable reply- I.C. Haswell told me he asked for Reg-
 ister of Vermont for 1836-none to be had- Walked to
 Edwin Robinson's & left note of \$30 with him to get
 secured by good signer. Returned to L.P. & Co's-rec'd
 wife on board wagg'n faced about for home.

Halted at Post O & rec'd two newspapers-Saturday-
(Phil) Courier from Weed girl to Adeline-mailed at
Ticonderoga & Trumansburgh Advertiser from J.C.
Presho-having acc't of Celebration 4th July. At
home found cousin Margaret Harwood & a female
friend of hers-Miss Hosford of Wmstown, Ms- The for-
mer had recently visited her uncle James Green &
her brother C.A. Harwood. Rec'd letter pr cous M.
from J.A. Wight who was rather in low health. At J.
Norton & Co's saw Hiram Hall who appeared vastly
run down. Sam'l H. Blackmer, I saw near Mr. Peck's,
complaining of a spirit of dictation at W. end of
the County. Mr. R. comes over to get cider in the
evening-rec's & pays for 1 G.

TUES. JULY 19. Fair-warm- Wd. A.M. - Late strong
wd. S- Merc. 58°-81°-82°-74°-. ~~Ph~~
Fine yield of hay on new ground W. of barns of which
7 tons first quality was ~~dawn~~ drawn in. Jonathan
Rogers-good as his word- on in due season-spreading
A.M. with G. at mowing on ground just nam'd- Cous.
M, Miss Hosford, & Adeline visited grandly at uncle
Sam Robinson's-by same conveyance aunt Lydia went on
like business to N.E. Robinson's. All returned in
fine season. Father exercised himself bravely at
raking hay. Lent old ox cart to Sam'l H. Brown.

WED. JULY 20. Hot, cldy- expected rain in 2
hours in mornng-heavy clds blown
off- S. wind rises to some elevation- Dry-parching-
Fine hay weather. Merc. 58°-81°- or 82°-72°- Six
acres N. ground-W. side N. meadow-hay all cut & got
in in prime order. Total amount estimated as pro-
duce of that section-17 tons-excellent quality- of
which supposed 3 1/2 were drawn in this day. An un-
usually large yield we think. The whole that had
been collected-sall'd 20 ts of which one was assign-
ed to S. mead. J. Rog. very successfully pursued
business with us. Cheese 19th-99 lbs.
Cous. M. & Miss Hosford returned home. Wrote reply
to J.A. Wight.
Solicited by a stranger of singular appearance-let
him have my name as subscriber to the Zodiac-pub-
lished at Albany. In an article from the N.Y. Evng.
Star speaking highly in praise of the paper it was
call'd "Dog Cheap".

THURS. JULY 21. The first 8 hours it was most
cruelly flat killing weather.
some difficulty in breathing, producing severe pers-
piration if the exercise were but moderate. Came on
slow intermitting rain P.M.-causing the air to be
more wholesome afterwards. Merc. 68°-76°-67°-
Mowing was followed up by boys during A.M.- some more
done P.M. Jonathan unwell that part of the day-
takes potion salts. Hopkins is sent to E. Village.
conveys 2 bbls old potatoes to family of J. Rog-Pays
\$4.10 cs for & brings home settee from Richardson &
Dewey's-Chairmakers-Full price \$5-tow'd which went
90 cs worth bassw'd plank- Article well made, not
inelegantly painted & ornamented. Cut a part of our

small patch rye-E. cheese house.

FRIDAY, JULY 22. Pleas't-cool-little hazy- Merc.
61°-64°-61°- Cool evening.

Mowing & making hay N.E. pt N. meadow- 3 1/2 tons
got in. Great quantities (speaking after the man-
ner of men & boys) of bumble bees' honey were found
& taken by the boys. Lydia waited up on mother to
H.Waters'-up in the morning-down at evening. She
attended ~~female~~ female Friday meeting.-brought news
of the death of Geo.Hunt-son of Jon. Hunt Esqr-a-
bout 31 years of age. Caused by intemperate habits.
Ladies very intent on building cushion for settee.
Mother took up goods am'tg to 50 cs at F.Black's-

SATURDAY, JULY 23. Not exactly clear-pleas't-warm-
Indications of rain-Merc. 47°-74°-
78°-Perhaps might come up to 80°-68°-at sunset.
Six tons of hay added to that already in-making to-
tal up to this date from N. meadow-29 1/2 tons.
Grass remaining supposed to be growing. Boys closed
business in good season. J.Rogs. goes home.our boys
up street-buy 4 qts white beans of N.L.Robinson-pay
23 cst. Cheeses all fix'd for Sunday. Cushion of
settee finished.-Locker removed out of the parlour-
Settee introduced in its stead. Mr.J.A.Wight arri-
es from Williams College-sings popular songs-plays
flute- Apparently enjoying existence with great
rationality. Extent of ground gone over for 29 1/2
ts-supposed to be 12 acres.

SUNDAY JULY 24. Cloudy-cool-rainy-especially
tow'd evening. Merc. from 62°-
to 69°- Mr.Hooker gone to Connecticut-therfore good
preaching not expected. Younger part of the family
dress'd for church-but rained so heavily- didn't
go-so no one attended from this house. This mechan-
ical business of making entries herein found me em-
ployment-best part of the day. Derived amusement
from reading the political production of "Ethan Allen
in the Gazette supporting the pretensions of V.Buren
to the Presidency & then looking on the opposite
or Whig side-noticing their candidates-Resolutions
& Reasonings-all for the "People"- that unwieldly
many-headed monster to whom so many feeling & unan-
swerable appeals are made. Giving certain men of-
fice of places of profit- little would they care
for the "People". Jonas Harwood-Parkman, Ohio, 64
years of age this day.

On the 22 d inst cousin S.Robinson Jun., came with
his mother & paid us a short visit-had lately sus-
tained a serious ~~his~~ loss of money through fraudu-
lent practices of a faithless partner- whom he dis-
missed- Was now engaged in business with a very
honest upright gentleman- no fear of him.

MONDAY, JULY 25. Low clds-warm air in the morn-
ing- fair weather with flying
clds-ensued- First of Dog Days- Really warm most
of the time-Merc. 65°-64°-76°-67°- About 3 acres

Little Meadow cut over- S & middle parts-burden
much as usual-J.Rogers came on late A.M. in conse-
quence of having assisted in conveying a Village
Lot he had recently purchased of Cal.Wilson. With
the view of hiring another hand-rode with mother to
E.Village-calling at French's Shoe Store in Buckley
Squires' building-seeing John Sibley of whom

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learned that neither Mr.L.Peck
who was quite unwell, nor any
other hand could go- S.B.McEwen was there-seeing
the shoemakers handle wax newly made-between whom
& me some jokes were exchanged in regard to his
working at haying for us- It would accomodate him
best to put it off to the first of Oct- Explained
to him the relationship existing between us-his gra
great grandfather Capt.Elijah Dewey-who died in the
fall of 1818, was first cousin of my mother-said he
would give me a call-Near said stores saw & shook
hands with Hon.H.Hall-more jokes about work- Came
down to Sharps' new grocery-agree d to have fresh
veal left tomorrow morning at H.Waters'-Came on to
Blackmer's-cashed bill of 50 c taken up by mother.
Hiram Waters came in-look'd thin-much out of health-
got some \$5-bills changed for smaller ones & specie-
sometime afterwards handed me a paper & notes in
relation to money transactions with Hon.H.Hall-with
request to look them over to see if all was correct.
Bo't 2 Oz magnesia of Sanford & Co paid 25 cs- Saw
Dr.N.Swift on business- He and mother talked about
a certain young lady for whom he appear'd to feel
some anxiety as to what male associates she might
come in contact with-& they also conversed on a
great many-things- other topics. Doctor had hay
wet in the winnow over Sunday-Hands slack-Felt cross
about it. Came directly home- Dined with all the
family-Spent the remainder of the day-principally
raking & turning hay-father very industrious- Jon.
& G.busy enough at mowing. Mr.Wight-reads-plays
flute,hunts,assists at milkg-cows -night & morning.
Edwin Robinson returns me my note without a signer-
just as I told him he might. Story, too long to
write- Didn't apprehend any danger but that should
get it. While at G.R.Sanford's & Co's-saw Mr.S.
himself sitting behind the counter-health some im-
proved. but, as stated by him-still remained very
miserable. Requested his bill of tin work with a
promise to pay at sight.

TUES'Y JULY 26.

Remained cldy until late hour
in the morning-seemingly unpro-
pitious to hay-making-Subsequent part of the day-
quite the reverse-none could complain-Wind N.
The thermometer was neglected excepting at sunrise
& near sunset. Would state it at 58°- from 76° to 80°
or higher, because from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. it was
very warm- night 68°- Mowing extended across swale
in the meadow aforesaid. 4 1/2 tons hay drawn in.
Smooth part most elegantly executed. Father felt
anxious to drive business & performed his full share.

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Boys all exerted themselves manfully- Hopkins necessarily off on horseback in the morn'g to H. Waters' short time- Butcher arrived with no veal- or rather no butcher appeared at all & he came home empty. J.A.Wight spent the day much as stated above- except giving some little assistance at haying- performing journey to Centre Village & receiving company in his friend W S Southworth late in the day- Staid to tea with us. A part of this handsome day- had considerable- jawache- That very respectable lady, who many years since threw aside her name for mine, had the goodness to apply to my fiz scorch'd tow, cider brandy & ginger-, bound on with silk hkf- provg instantly efficacious. Dan Robinson with his chus S-m-th Robinson in wagg-made short call on Adeline-forept the day. John Harwood at night came to see us & said he would work here remainder of the week.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27.. Fine cool morning-Good hay weather-but appeared suspicious tow'd night-afterwards came off pretty fair-Wind N. Merc. 58°-76°-56°-

Little Meadow completely cleared-6 tons hay in full-present season. Two tons more taken from S. Meadow along side the lane from lower brook & about old clay pit to Dry Brook bars- extending a few rods E. of the same. D.Bk swale very productive- too green to get in- Mr.J.Harwood on according to promise. J.Rogers made many droll observations at table-exciting no moderate degree of innocent mirth & merriment among the members of our family. J A Wight after breakfast left for Bills Collge-not determined exactly whether to visit us more previous to his going to the "far West" after Commencement. We were gratified with his good company & would have much pleased to have had him stay longer-but he said his arrangements demanded his presence at College-Go he must. Mt.L.Street came near night on visit. Mother & Lydia rode up street this morning. Bo't & paid for \$1's worth tea & sug.at L.Patchin & Co's. Mrs Wrisley & Mrs Harwood were at neighbor Ge. Root's all night- Reported this morning the addition of a female infant to the gentleman's family Endured jaw ache again-tried the same remedy-had about the same effect- The pain sat heavily-some of the time,gave up to it-all however went off in the evening pretty fair. Eleven cows foolishly broke out of pasture.-strayed some small distance into the adjoining woods-late in the day-Adeline condescended to bring home the honest ones that staid in pasture- Hopkins assisted me in hunting up & driving down the others. No more damage than late milkg and scratched teats was the result. Cheese 26th 100 lbs Moon ran remarkably low these days.

THURSDAY, JULY 28. Signs of rain-sometimes off-prospect fine & fair-At last clds appeared much like rain. We would have been highly pleased to see it come. Merc. 53°-78°-67°- Five tons hay the result of this day's operations- Taken chiefly from the roughest, most swampy part of

S. meadow. Some of it, however, yielded very handsomely- N. of the brook below the old Brick Yd & S of the same on new ground near the "Little Oak". Repaired cow pasture fence against N.E. quarter of "The Grove". Adeline while on a visit to Centre Village bo't 25 cs worth coffee at F. Blakkmer's with money. Mrs Street left for Mr. Loomis' sometime in the morning after making us a short lively visit-appearing very nearly as she did 30 yrs since- Took her way across lots-mother accompanying on foot some distance- enjoyinh many a laugh no doubt as they slowly marched along-or perhaps they took a quickstep. Cheese 27th 99 lbs-

FRIDAY, JULY 29. Heavy S.Wd-cldy-slightly rainy- A M. considerably more so late P.M.. & sometime in the succeeding night there came up handsome shower-accomp'd by lightning & thund'r. Thermometer in the morning indicated 64°-Not seen much afterwards-say not over 74°. Hands all present & when not deterred by rain-pursued mowing-Geo. was however taken out of the meadow to join father in reaping wheat-which was all cut excepting a small portion-esteemed too green. After dinner drove to Walbridge's grist mill & had 10 bbls rye ground for cows-by the miller-James Harwood for which paid him 40 cs in full-besides the fraction due tow'd the grinding done on the 6th inst. Also paid him o/4 1/2 for patching shoes for Mrs Wrisley. Late in the day when grist was ready to load-after dark when got home.

1836 Bennington, July 30 1836. S D Walbridge & the miller were employed when I first got there in pouring baskets of dirt over the railing of the bridge into the pond to stop leaks. Saw Mr. Cooley with his lame hand-now slowly getting well- Hart by coming into contact with circular saw-while in the act of throwing off wood just sawed- The person who handed up the wood became precipitate & heedless-threw a billet of wood against his arm that caused the dreadful wound which resulted in making him a cripple for life. This was most unfortunate-especially as the man is poor-about from 40 to 50 yrs of age & at the head of I believe something of a family. Spent sometime hearing Mr. Abisha Kinsky-who bro't some wool down to Walbridge's to be carded & our friend S.D.W. talk respecting the Thompsonian Practice in Medicine, for which the latter was a very great advocate.-and also on Universalism. Rec'd in vitation to attend Dedication of the new Universalist meeting house-just completed at North Bennington next week- But I deemed it prudent not to accept. Mr.K. mentioned his son 17 years of age-being much out of health-one his legs perishing together with an unnatural swelling just above the groin supposed very dangerous-the physicians being of the opinion that unless removed by an actual surgical operation-it must prove mortal. Neither Mr.K nor his son were willing to try it-as it must according to their apprehension result in immediate death. Certainly a very melancholy case

the priginal cause of which was, receiving the
time of a pitchfork in those parts while in the
act of descending from a load of hay about 3 years
since. Heal'd up remarkably soon-say in about 3
weeks after first done-and was enabled to attend to
business without feeling much inconvenience-But
now it seems his case must be quite deplorable.

SATURDAY, JULY 30. Long & late in the morning ere
the dispersion of clouds was ~~ed~~
sufficientt for admitting sun's rays on to hay enough
to dry it hardly fit for doodling. We had down
about what was judged to be 6 tons-the thickest of
which was disposed of in the manner just mentioned.
Previous to raking up-some mowing was added to what
was done on the 28th & 29th. It covered the patches
of oat ground of 1834- very stout, & some more ad-
joining, & then there was cutta road across the flat
by the walnut tree-introductory to small piece be-
side the upper brook-and then all S of sd brook
comprehending the S.E. quarter of the meadow as far
W. as the oats growing on potatoe ground of 1835.
Most of this section turn'd out lightly nor did ma-
nure seem to do it much service-transported thither
by sleighing-proving to us the inefficacy of green
manure when applied to land of that stamp. For 3 ³/₄
days work done by our respected friend John Harwood
paid him in full \$3/75. Father had to stop work a
part of the day on acc't of sore toe.

Mrs Street who, on the evening of the 29th ar-
rived from visiting at Mr. Loomis-was this morning
conveyed home by mother who afterwards waited upon
Mrs Wrisley on business of her own to E. Village-
thence back to L. Patchin & Co's where she bo't cap
for Samuel & c- returning home pretty directly.
Cheese turned & rubbed for Sunday. Adeline left
with intention of visiting cousin Emily & husband-
Wells Martin-to be conveyed by sister Waters who
meant to give her husband an opportunity to ride
home from Easty's Factory-N. Bennington. Mercy. 66°-
76°-70°-

SUNDAY, JULY 31. Handsome-very warm-Wind S.-
Merc. 53°-81°-66°- All at
church save father, self & lady- Adeline heard ser-
vice at Deac. Hinsdill's Meeting house where the
music was in part made up of an organ & clarionett-
Came afterwards to Baptist Church in E. Village where
Mr. Hooker delivered a Temperance Address- At the
end of the day reached home. I rec'd visit from H.
Waters'- for whom wrote a line in his name respect-
ing money promised him by his old friend Mr Donald-
to John McD his son of Salem, N.Y.- enquiring why it
had not been forwarded as agreed on- Sum- \$100-
Sick in the evening-vomited like a horse-great pain
in the eyeballs which after that operation gradu-
ally left me. Very proper attention rec'd from the
"Old Lady". Quantity of cheese made during the
present month-Lbs 3026- Same month, 1835 made only
2733 lbs from 34 cows-now keeping only 32.

MONDAY, AUG 1st..

Dog Day weather in good earnest
Fine hot forenoon-cldy and some
rainy P.M. - Thunder in the bargain-Merc. 60°-84°-86°
69°- Jonathan R. came on in due season. Not much
mowing- but good deal of carting done- Computed hay
drawn in at 6 1/2 tons. Over 1 ton left out in con-
sequence of the rain coming too quick for us- Last
load taken principally after commencem't of rain.
Mr. Goddard & lady arrived from Troy calculating to
spend the night with us. Mother went on foot to
Wid, Kent's & enjoyed an all day visit. Hopkins at
night took Mr. G's horse & wagg. & ~~broke~~ her home.
On Friday 29th ult- Sam'l Chandler Collector of Min-
ister's Rates for Cong. C & Soc.-Centre of Bennington
call'd to get half the sum subscribed by me tow'd
Salary of Rev'd Ed'w W. Hooker- Readily paid over \$5-
J. Rogers also paid tow'd salary \$2 which he rec'd
of me tow'd work in haying. Mr. H. had given out
that if his signers would thus pay him in advance
would deduct from his salary \$50- provided he could
realize so much on every man's subscription. Chand-
ler considered the prospect for doing it fair.

TUESDAY, AUG 2.

Most superbly fine & fair-
wind gently N.W.-Merc. 53°-73°-60°
Weather thus fine was well improved. Handsome
ground W. of the walnut-mowed & yielded grandly &
all the hay got in amounting (inclusive of what
remained out on Monday) to 5 1/4 tons. Father per-
formed a heavy day's work. Jonathan mowed a few
swaths to conclude the day. I was up street A.M.
Bo't of N.L. Robinson 6 1/4 lbs Coffee for \$1- &
7 1/2 brown sugar for like amount-all which was paid
down. Of L Patchin & Co 5 lbs Raisins-should have
said keg raisins.-at 10 cs- 50 cs paid. L. Patchin
Esqr expressed an opinion that cheese in market the
present season would command lower prices than it
did last- My. friend P.L. Robinson advocated the
contrary of that. At J. Ogden's had forkstail made-
fork set in-ferrule put on-for 25 cs- which was paid
on the spot. The little saddler, Gov. Previere was
there on a big train. Raking up an old settlement
or trying to do it with John Hicks some six months
ago in which they jump'd acc's. John was present
boiling wax over the blacksmith's fire. Bill Gool
seemed to be getting repairs done to one horse wagg.

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Mr. Goddard & lady some-
time in the morning
left for H. Waters' & other places in town. Lydia rode
up with me in the early part of the day-visited there
also Dr. H. Swift saw, laughed at & prescribed for her
sore nose which had really become seriously painful-
Brought home by Mr. G. P.M. Mrs Wrisley was visited
by her daughter tow'd evening- Bright Northern
Lights were very conspicuously observed this evening

WEDNESDAY, AUG 'T 3. Air mild & cool-Cldy-
 rained very slightly-high S.
 wind-Merc. 53°- 68°- Indifferent weather for hay
 making. Some very stout grass E. side S. mead cut by
 boys. Hopks performed after a manner with them at
 mowing. Bumble bees' nests were invaded, robb'd of
 honey & the same eaten with avidity. Our little
 patch of Wint. wheat was all at last cut & in stook-
 by father & self- Load of hay in the barn pitch'd
 off-mows trimm'd-last year's straw clear'd out & c-
 Waited upon Misses L & A M Harwood to H. Waters'
 where they visited with Mrs M A Sears & Mr. Goddard
 & lady. Went to F. Blackmer's-bo't & paid \$2.50 for
 5 gallons Eng. Isl'd Molasses of good quality- (See
 June 15) Major A Robinson present-didn't believe
 State of Vermont would be Van Buren. Capt P. Dewey
 came in before I left Mr. Blackmer had weigh'd- I
 think he said-seven lds hay for A B & Co-all quite
 green-If it were not for mischief of breaking it up
 & transportation. Mr. B said, he would prefer buying
 in winter at an advanced price. I left waggon for
 the ladies. Spent a few moments conversing with Mt.
 G & ladies present & came home. Took part in the
 winding up of affairs of the day. One ton or more
 of hay was rak'd & done up for storm. Cold damp S.
 wind.

THURSDAY AUG 4. During last night rained pro-
 fusely-accomp'd by sharp lightg
 & heavy thundae- Weather bad for drying hay-broken
 clds-high N.W. wind-Merc. 52°-73°- More mowing, but
 not so much as would have been-had the boys felt
 keen- on the contrary complained of bad colds-
 Drew in 2 1/2 tons hay from E & N E parys of S.M
 Father endured pain from sore toe-Rode away to Dr.
 H. Swift's- rec'd advice to poultice it- Called on
 H. Waters' people- Drove to uncle S. Robinson's-saw
 that things were going on well there & returned home.
 Assisted some at raking hay-

My Zodiac man about 4 or 5 P.M. bro't along
 Robbins' "World Displayed" to sell me instead of
 furnishing the Magazine, which was to be \$1- Said WD.
 making a handsome volume-valued at \$2.25-would lett
 it go for \$1.75. Refused taking it-He left without
 harping more. Mrs H. visited at Mrs K's- Mrs K.
 from home Mrs Warren & Mrs Tommy present- Her tarry
 was merely momentary at the conclusion of the day-
 Learn'd that Billings Pratt died this morning in E
 Village-in consequence of taking arsenick & opium.
 Suppose his age was from 43 to 45.

FRIDAY AUG 5.. Very pretty weather for getting
 up hay- some hazy & cldy-Merc.
 48°-73°-78°-71°- Five tons hay got in. It should
 be recollected that a few rods of mowing running
 parallel with Sam H. Brown's Fay line some small dis-
 tance W. whereon was scattered, little more than ne-
 little less than 1 year since, the scrapings of cow
 yards-produced hay most bountifully. See Aug 17, 1835

Miss L. Harwood drove to H. Waters' for her mother to attend Friday meeting & other purposes. Returned & attended to home concerns. Mr. P. Wrisley came late in the day to see & converse with his lady. In consequence of intemperance he appeared wonderfully run down & of course she spoke not in the most plausible terms to him.

SATURDAY AUG. 6 Cloudy-wind S.W. Kept looking out for rain most of the time- Very little at last did actually come. Merc. 56°-73° 66°-62°- Slow hay weather- However, 2 tons excellent hay that grew E. the lane & N of the patch cov'd with oats in 1834 was taken in- So likewise was our winter grain. 256 sheaves wheat- 46 rye-produced off ground E. cheese house. Father, who had the present week endured no trifling pain & inconvenience from sore toes, took hold with great resolution in promoting the execution of business-handling his rake with the agility of a young man of 25-even, while J. Rogers loaded the last load of hay for the day he mowed several rods in heavy grass. At night on making out the quantity of hay cut & put up since commencement of haying-my bill arose to 70 3/4 tons. He disputed it- knew well enough it could not be so- had it examined- The result was that I had, by mistake, got it 6 tons too high-which left true bill of 64 3/4- Greater am'ty than perhaps was ever cut on this farm before in one season. The S W section of S. meadow, consisting largely of Timothy-too ripe-yielding very heavily was cut down- mostly P.M. I pitch'd on one ld hay & took some part in the above mowing. J Rogers went home with the fullest assurance that he would come again on Monday next Didn't leave until about dark. Mother very earnest for going to Stockbridge-Ms- Wagg. seat must be fixed In the Vermont Gazette of the 2d inst was published the death of Timothy Merrill-at Montpelier- July 27-aged nearly 56-Secretary of State of Vermont. Very fine Christian man-formerly resided in Bennington.

SUNDAY AUG. 7. Light clds shaded us a part of the day-came off pretty fair tow'd evening- Wind mostly N. Merc. 57°-78°-65°- Wrote little- Read papers more than usual. Saw curious article on the Mormon Religion published in N.Y. Spect of July 28-giving history thereof &c-Saw other articles which have not time to mention-That part of the family usually attending Service with exception of father (kept back by sore toe) were there. Mr. Hooker officiated A.M. Mr. Kinney P.M. Rec'd company from Hoosick Falls-H.K. Parsons-Croville & Jane L. Parsons- Left before sunset- Gave us a pup which aunt Ruth, I believe, sent over. Late in the day perused some fine passages in Isaiah & in St. Mark, if I rightly recollect.

MONDAY AUG 8. Not a few light clds again in motion-No rain-Very hot- Merc. 58°-66°-84°-73°-75°- 4 1/4 tons of hay from piece

mentioned on Saturday- & from a patch of North Meadow cut this day. 1 1/4 do-fine & good got in- all done in good season. Father rak'd & roll'd greater part-I was partially ill awhile in the morn'g with lame shoulder. J. Rogers on as good as his word Related traing stories in the evening.

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TUESDAY AUG 9.

Cold say cold indeed for the season, clear, handsome, heavy wd N.W. Merc. 50°-58°- at noon- 64°-at four P.M.. 53°- sunset. Haying progreesed handsomely- That part of the N. meadow W. of the lane N. of the old N. orchard was shaven- Boys complained of stones & unevenness, More grass was cut N.W. the barn. Quantity of hay drawn in-estimated at 2 3/4 tons-most of which was gathered from behind the orchard. Quality good with exception of a few hund. swampy Miss Lydia Harwood this day-45-Born, as I am told, on a warm rainy day 9th Aug. 1791. Grandfather Peter H. & sons then deep in haying & harvesting-later than usual as my father informs me. Past 10 evening of the 8th commenced raining- amounting to considerable before morning-Glad of it-presume the earth in this section required it.

WEDNESDAY AUG 10. White frost in the morning- Dull cloudy hay day followed. Wd. mainly S.W. Merc. 38°-40°-59°-64°- not observed at night. Boys completed mowing in full-Last of heaviest being about 1 acre S. Meadow- S & S E cheese house-two fine poplars-proudly pointing to the skyes standing near the bank of the brook within its bounds. Stuffing new barn with hay & getting in 1 1/2 tons more from N. Meadow-placed in old barn-made up main employment of grandfather, Father & Grandson. Evening rode up St'r with Hopkins.- drawn by "Charley". Returned to F. Blackmer's one of those scythes bo't July 2 & paid him \$1 for the other. the former proving soft, would not carry an edge for any length of time; fraction of 8 cs remained unpd on said bill. Drove for the Hill- Rec'd at Post Office N.Y. Jour'l-Troy from J C Preshe who in pencil mark repeated a strong wish to hear from me. Bo't of N.L. Robinson 1 lb O H tea for which paid 76 cs & at L P & Co's bo't & paid 2/0 for 1 quart Muscat Wine- P L Rob himself got it for me. Drove tow'd home-called at F.B's had just weigh'd 1d of hay-Maj. A R present-remarked that very many lds had been weighed this day or season by F.B. J Brooks told me he work'd at haying for V D Spiegel Quantity unusually great-quality too-very good. Seemed to be conceded by all that there was a great crop of hay the present season. Rec'd N.Y. Spect Aug 1 & 4-Vt Gazette 9th-left & in co with sister L & my son rode home from H. Waters'-Read papers & wrote late. Father this morning spent a short time with Mr. Daniel Waters from Hoosick N.Y. an uncle of Hiram W. by whom the parties were made acquainted with each other. Rode down in waggon-saw barns, dairy &c-Aged 77- Served in the Pennsylvania line-

Continental Army-General Anthony Wayne- Fought at Monmouth & at Stony Point- Drawing pension annually of \$80- Stated some interesting particulars respecting Stony Point.

THURSDAY AUG 11. Rainy from the S-Good for late pasturage. Merc.56°-to 58°- M Made settlement with J.Rogers- Had worked 20 days since July 19 in the morning-ending on the eve of the 10th inst-Inclusive of \$5.23 cs paid over this morning made up bill of \$8 against him- leaving due \$12 for which gave note-due 1 day from date-would not want it until past 1st of Oct proximo. Our friend had rendered us most essential service. for which we felt very thankful. Some business as matter of course was transacted in the barns.. Geo. found time to read a little-Mow'd weeds about the house-attended to some other rainy days calls- Father not out much-examined V.Gazette- disliked its politics. I looked in N.Y.Spect- & wrote the main part of a letter to J C Presko, Troy, N.Y.

FRIDAY, AUG 12. Broken clds & cool N.W.gentle breeze of wind made out the general character of the weather during the day. Clds dispersed mostly near evening- Merc.56°-68°- 70°-50°- All the hay was spread for drying-and the last 2 1/2 tons of the present season gathered from N.meadow & deposited in the barn-and 1800 more from S meadow served.-in like manner. Quantity produced in N.Meadow amounted by computation-1836- to 35 tons Twenty one years this day since the death of my paternal grandfather- one of the first settlers of this town- June 18-1761- See Jour'l June 18, 1826. In the evening very luminous N. lights were observed

SATURDAY AUG 13. Cool morning-tolerably warm day- Merc.44°-76°-63°- Haying hard-somely concluded. The hay produced on the ground last shaven, was the last got up-Father lost none of his reputation for raking & rolling up hay here. There was a haziness & dimness of sky & scalding of sun which caused suspicion of disposition to rain. But such cool puffs of N. air were let upon us as made me believe differently- However the hay was all completely out of the way long ere night-& the slight rain that came commenced very late in the day Hopkins & G P or G P & Hopkins rode to town. Returned with mother & aunt Lydia from H Waters'. The former went to Betsey & L Street's- learnt some particulars respecting Mr.Sam Scott & family who of late had experienced much sickness-in vile fever now supposed to be gaining. Very unfortunate in regard to women's help in the house-many of their friends in the street volunteering their services.. helping them in rotation-going thither in the morning & returning home at night. First cheese made in Apl last-cut now weighed 72-then 80 lbs . As to hay- the quantity & quality of that above mentioned were worth mentioning here-Great yield intermixt with goodly proportion of rowen.land having been

manured last fall. According to computation-
amount of hay in full was 80 13/20 tons.
Without annexing fractions-may assign to each
mead'o its quota-Thus

North Meadow	Rated at	15 acres	Tons	35
Little "	"	4 "	"	6
South "	"	39 "	"	39 Total 80
				Tons.

It fell to Adeline's lot to wait upon her much re-
spected relatives up to H W's- afterwards on further
business was accompanied by the youngest of them to
Post Office, E Village &c. To the former was con-
signed the letter I wrote on the 11th. On reaching
home she presented me with line from J.A.Wight-the
substance of which was a request that I would set
my name to a joint note therein drawn for \$31 (if
rightly recollected) payable to President & Trustees
of Williams College- afters signing must forward by
Monday's Mail. Said he should pay as soon as pos-
sible-at the same time would give me his note as
voucher.

1836 Bennington, Aug 14, 1836 Evening of 13th arriv-
ed an old acquaintance
whom I recognized by hearing him speak before he
came into the light. Came from his residence at
Rome, N.Y. by quick conveyance-On Rail Road from
Utica to Albany-thence by Steamboat to Troy-from
Troy by private conveyance to Bennington. From
Centre V. here on foot- Wanted to go to his aunt
Norton's, but at our earnest solicitation concluded
to tarry with us- Took tea- donversed very inter-
estingly on many varieties of topics- but mostly in
relation to former persons & occurrences.
The name of this gentleman is Norman Judd- Potter
by occupation. Learnt his business of Capt John
Norton. Came from Goshen, Conn- when 14 years of
age-tow'd 15- in the fall of 1796- attended our
Dist School during winter months for several sea-
sons. So we were old schoolfellows. Afterwards
settled at Burlington, Vt about 1806- Burnt out 1809
Finally located himself at Rome where he still re-
mained-presumed doing well. Represented the Western
country to be all alive to a world of business.

SUNDAY, AUG 14. Thundered loudly in the morn-
ing-no rain ensued here-but
there were many clouds with high N.W. (cold) wind-
growing cool. Merc. 63°- Early in the morning walk-
ed with my friend to near the S.E. corner of the
farm & after much conversation parted with him-
Returned home and attended to usual concerns-
Those attending service were- G P, Hopkins, Mrs W,
Miss L & Miss A.D.-no- A.M. Harwood. Sent to Post
O. J A Wight's letter-note inclusive-with a few
words giving notice of intention to visit him on
Monday &c- Dr H. Swift visited here this morning
& performed some surgical duties on father's toe.
Did rain very little 3 or 4 P.M.

MONDAY, AUG 15.

Broken clds from N.W.-
pleasantly cool with now & then
a flash of hot sun- Merc. at about 56°-in the morn-
ing- 72°- at noon- 76°- afternoon- With my lady
rode to Williamstown- Made short visit at Mr. Bridges'
found cousin Margaret with them assisting Mrs B in
the various modes of preparing for commencement.
Found new book lately published by C A Goodrich-
entitled Universal Traveller- perus'd a few arti-
cles in it- on manner & customs in the U.S.-turned
overpages of the volume which cost \$1.87 1/2- Saw
the pictures & concluded it was got up to make money
out of it. Conversed some with Mr B & lady & with
cous. M. Soon after our arrival Mr. B kindly sent
one of his boys to E. College to inform Mr. Wightt we
wished to see him- Boy returned with reply that he
would see us in about 1 hour- being oblig'd first t
to deliver a Lecture to the Franklin Society-if I
correctly understood it. After dinner marched
nearly to E College-meeting Mr. W. accomp'd by
friends on his way over to B's- Of course fell in
with him & soon returned. Conversation pretty live-
ly awhile. W's business required his presence in
the Meetinghouse at Rehearsal- So putting beast be-
fore waggon we were quickly off to his room in E.
College where he put up bed & trunk &c &c- for me
to carry home- Gave me his note for thirty one
dollars, sixty six cents-being the sum to which I
had set my name in favor of the President & Trustees
of the Institution jointly against him & me- the
former to be destroyed in presence of witnesses on
notice being given of the payment of the latter.
During a part of the transaction of said business
played with Mr. W's flute. Expressed sincere re-
gret at not being present at the delivery of his
Lecture on Literature. Lent me his manuscript on
condition of returning it on Commencem't day.
Came down two flights worn out stairs-saw the prop-
erty safely stowed in waggon-took leave of my
friend perhaps for a long time-perhaps only for a
day or two at present-as he engaged, if circumstances
should favor, to come up & tarry a few days with us
that he might enjoy some repose after so long a
season of mental toil as he had just passed through.
Drove over to A.B. Cole's-looked at Dairy-appeared
well-conversed very briefly with his lady-seemed
dissatisfied with the dairying employment- Never
was accustomed with living with farmers previous to
marriage-being a daughter of a widow'd lady-
Husband down in the meadow employed at haying-Kept
only 23 cows-one less than in 1835. Heaviest cheese
of present season 94 lbs- Returned to Mr. B's-Lady
soon ready-Much talk done up & then we were off-
A brother of Robert Noble exhibited all the folly
& madness of a man in his cups-whose actions it
is as needless as difficult to describe. Started
at about 4-reach'd home at nearly 8. Saw on the
road great pieces of meadow to mow- many farmers
busily employed at haying-some at harvesting oats-
numerous fields of which were to be seen in all di-
rections-appeared fine too- Saw a tree E of the

highway - say half mile off - red as scarlet - in the neighborhood of Pow'l Meetinghouse. Dairies all sold in & about Williamstown - went off green. On my way down met team with laden with Adams cheese which teamster informed us - bro't in N.Y. - 10 cs - sold on commission. Pownal had really sofinely made their road from Bennington line to the meetinghouse as ought to make Bennington ashamed. After getting home was told that Judge L. Norton & his cousin N. Judd called to see me - look'd at dairy-cows - presses &c - went home.

Would add for Sunday that a visit was received from H. Waters & his friend Mr. Morse, nephew of the late celebrated author of that name. Conversed very agreeably - Hiram shew'd a letter from his friend McDonald - Salem N.Y. in reply to that which I wrote July 31. The reason given for non-pay'mt of money - wool unsold. The letter was very clever, handsome, worth preserving - holding out encouragement for payt by first of Sept - No time to write more of this.

TUESDAY AUG 16. Fine & handsome - wind N - Broken clds - Merc. 50° - 72° - 59° -

Geo. & Hopkins employed in mowing bushes & weeds about meadows. After being fix'd up walked to E. Village - Rode from Weeks' with W E Morgan up street a piece - Met Capt L. Sherwood in 1 h. wagg - by invitation took seat beside him. conveyed me to J Norton & Co's store - Deliver'd verbal errand to J. Rogers. Walked into J. N. & Co's store - saw J. himself - enquired for N. Judd - presumed he must be about works of his brother - Went there - Major Luman said his cousin was engaged in business not far off. Made agreement to be at his house this evening. Came home with Capt S - took dinner - he also partaking. Exhibited Dairy - Very agreeably entertained with his acc't of excursion to the West 250 miles - visiting his children - doing well - Wheat 1/2 crop

1836 Bennington, Aug. 16, 1836 Saw many Dairy men whose prospects for prices were bright - Some kept 80 & 90 or more cows - Country fine - especially the last 50 miles to Wayne Co - Great rains there about the last of June - Returned home on or about 1st July - Realized fine crop hay. Rode up St'r with him about 3 P.M. On the way - indirectly questioned him as to value of property owned at present by him. Replied \$20,000 - Van Buren men began to collect to hold caucus on coming election. Sol. Clark & others were seated in front of Love's - Capt. Hyde too tho' a Whig - Owned that he believed firmly Mr. V.B. would get in President U.S. next term. Called at L.P. & Co's - enquired lowest price cotton cloth - said 9/9 - then in a few minutes afterwards might have it for 11 cs pr yd. Would not buy - but sent by cousin N.L. Robinson who would go to Troy next day - forwarded \$7 with instructions to buy 2 pieces - low quality for cheese bandages. He rec'd hay deliv'd by his father - Returned into Grocery where Capt S. treated me with small beer. Before leaving Street called at P.O. rec'd letter & paper

from J.C.Presho-paid Postage 7 1/4 cs- Letter very amusing & agreeable in reply to my last-giving history of excursion on R.R. to Springs & of journey to Richford-visit to his mother's &c- Read as I walk'd. Supp'd at home- Went to Judge L.N's- judge & cousin gone to his mother's, where joined them about 8 in the eveg. Talk'd over a good many old things very agreeably- Staid until past 9 & took leave. Judge L. informed us of being in company with Russell (in Steamboat) brother of the celebrated Caleb Brown, but very different man-excellent companion, honorable upright fair dealer-not a professor of the C.Religion-rather on the lookout for those who were, having suffered much from frauds practiced on him by many of that class-being extensively concerned in the manufacturing line. Accustom'd himself to taking down names of dealers with remarks on their characters annex'd- Several of which he not'd down from the lips of our Judge. After getting home-wife & self were very anxious awhile for the safe return of our children from E. Village where some errands called them-early in the evening-accomp'd by Miss M.Wells-sister of Mrs Root Very late safely arrived- Wait'd for completion of bonnet by Miss Hervey & had to adopt a circuitous route home to keep out of the way of boy's little cannon which they continued firing until almost midnight.

WED, AUG 17. Warm-flying clds-pleas't-Roads very dusty-Droughty-Merc. 45°-84°-76°- Children go to Commenc'm't-Good one-Fine pieces well spoken. J.A.Wight's Poem went off nobly to an almost breathless house. Good music under management of Professor J.C.Andrews, Troy, N.Y.-Geo.P had calculated on attending, but circumstances presented in his mind insuperable obstacles-therefore-reap'd & cradled oats at which I assisted. Father confined by sore toe. Nights & mornings too cold for growth of corn. Ad. & Hopks returned from W. in good season.

THURSDAY, AUG 18. Damp S.Wd-cldy-hazy-signs of rain. Merc. 52°-74°-64°- Cutting oats finish'd- Mr.Wight arrives- Dines & talks sensibly of Sheridan, Burke & Fox. Hopkins waits upon his grandmother & aunt L to H.Waters'-upon the former to Algiers-with the same returns home- P.M. Mrs W & mother ride up street-transact some small business & return accomp'd by L.Ed Robinson manfully pays the sum lent him July 9-paying, contrary to my desire, extra interest-this evening-

FRIDAY, AUG 19. Made up for rainy day-proved almost a failure-rains faintly-succeeded by hot sun P.M. Merc. 61°-70°- 70°-eveg. Geo. & Hopks cut Canada thistles. I was some ill early in the day-afternoon rode with wife to N.W. part of the town. Called for woollen rolls at S D Walbridge's Factory-could get none- Drove to Deac.

S.Hinsdill's-traded to am't of \$2.46 1/2 cs-including 8 lbs br.sugar at 0/9- settled for balance due on ribbon bo't by mother a few days previous for Adeline. Articles entered fairly on Day Bk- Saw Isaac Cold & lady-invited them to come & see us- the former said he tho't he had cut 75 tons hay the present season. Before calling at store returned old overshoes to B.W.Jackson's-J. himself gone to Troy- As we returned-made call at uncle Sam Robinson's- uncle S. gone to E.Village- aunt Sarah very full of information in various ways- Uncle Safford was there-Said cous. Heman was going into business with his uncle Hiram-an arrangement mutually beneficial to them in his estimation-the latter supposed worth \$15000. Dr. Ben. almost ruined by putting his name to paper for friends borrowing money of Banks, after'ds failing- Hiram had also lost in the same way-but most by the great fire at Fayetteville- Responsibility of the former or perhaps he meant to include both-arose to \$40000- Hiram was born Aug.16,1786-of course now in his 50th year. Dr.Ben perhaps 60 or 62- Getting down to H.Waters' called a few moments- Mrs W requests & I engage to write line to young lady of Marlboro' Vt by name of Lucina Ayers soliciting her to come & live with her. Brought Lydia home with us- also shoulder of mutton for mother left by Mr. Demg of E.Village. Got 2 late Spectators from Blackmer's in which the great failure of B.Rathburn was mentioned-said to be for 2 millions 800,000- Mr.Wight went to Shaftsbury. N.L.Robinson not returned from Troy-

SATURDAY,AUG 20. Cold- Frequent chilling blasts N.W. wind-Flyg clds- F't 56°- 63°-58°- Wrote letter above mentioned-sent the same-to my sister for her inspection-afterwards entered at post office by Hopkins as he rode to H. Norton's,E.Village to get mare shod- After his return 108 sheaves oats,bound by G & me,were drawn in. He went to Norman Norton's & borrowed small hunting gun to use on trial a few days. Forty five sheaves rye,total growth the present season-thrashed-yielding 2 1/2 bbls. Mr.W. returned early in the eveg from Shaftsbury where he had been visiting old friends. Letter from Cassville on Mississippi R. was read-full of fine prospects & grand projects-as communications from that quarter in these days usually are.

SUNDAY,AUG 21st. Slight frost this morning-cool chilly S. wind,flying clds follow'd. Mercury stood at from 39°- to 68°-64. Signs of rain at the close of the day. Mr.Linsey or Lindsley preached in the central church-very successfully to as I am told- because he persuaded his hearers to contribute pretty generously in behalf of Marietta College in Ohio. Those attending hence-were G.P. Mr Wight,& Hopkins- Mother,A.M., Lydia P.M.-Mrs W & Adeline & little Sam all day.

Father & myself thought charity ought to begin at home-in furnishing teachers to the destitute among the Alpine regions of Vermont-therefore only forwarded a solitary Yk shilling to be thrown in for this man. Friend W. spent the eveg here. Father's toe continued bad- but was supposed to be gaining: I wrote J. & perused papers. Mr. Stone of the N.Y. Commercial wrote well on the McDowell Publications:

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on Saturday, for our own satisfaction, the length & breadth of the S. Meadow was in a manner ascertained-enabling us to find its contents in acres with something like precision- little over 19- So that it appears our meadow lands in toto acres were 40- from which subtracting-say 3 for plough ld & it leaves only 37 for mowing-producing-as is shewn Aug 13-exceeding 80 tons hay. But here I am wrong-have made a mistake-called the Little M. 6 instead of 4-reducing the space whereon the hay grew to 35 acres-which we may presume to be about right.

MONDAY AUG 22.. Cold again-strong gusts N.W. wind-Flying clds-Merc. 56°-66°- No very great movement in domestic affairs-Besides attending other calls Geo. devoted best part of the day to mowing C. thistles in the big cow pasture- Hopk's rode on an errand to Judah Harwoods'- Spent remainder of day with Geo. P. Father rode up to the Village with mother-made little visit at H. Waters'- Took advice of Dr. H. Swift respecting sore toe-which was pronounced doing well & returned home. Mr. Wight impatiently waited the coming of his friend Job Olin from Shaftsbury with whom expected to ride to Williamstown. He at length arrived about noon. -Dined, conversed, played flute handsomely Looked at & spoke favorably of the dairy & about 2 P.M. departed accompanied by our friend W. I had business up street in waggon- Returned a host of NY papers to F. Blackmer-forgot to tie the honest old mare-She left the ground trotting off tow'd Dr. H. Swift's- pursued & overtook her without trouble-led her again to the railing in front of B's store- where she was made fast by the halter-Saw two ladies-stock makers-trying to enter into deal with B- succeeded in some measure- Talked over politicks of the present & of olden days. Drove up to L.P. & Co's Requested price of Loaf Sugars 20 cs-stiff- Cross'd over to N.L. Robinson's- Rec'd cotton cloth bo't in Troy of E & W Carpenter at 9 vs pr yd- 49 1/4 yds- came to \$4.43-produced remainder of the money put in his hands Aug 16 out of which paid him for 9 lbs 9 oz Loaf Sugar \$1.54-price 18 cs pr lb. Talked some respecting frauds in flour dealing & came away. Saw & spoke with Capt. A. Hyde at L.P. & Co's afterward with P.L. Robinson- Saw others but have not time to enter names- At P.O. got letter to father from Ephr Taylor his brother-in-law of Barrington or S. pt Stockbridge, Ms- also a newspaper from Andrew C Parsons

Springfield, NY. All well- Signed his name in pencil mark. Paid 10 cs postage on E.F.'s L. At F. Blackmer's rec'd copy of the ~~new~~ Harrison paper published in W. City- The Washington Mirror in which were some good pieces. Refused letter after getting home. Acknowledged rec't of money from me about 1 year ago- should soon lose an eye- very dependent on charity of the people for getting along- had spun ropes of late to some amount- His lady very helpless- had recently undergone shock of palsy &c- made up our minds to send him \$2.

TUESDAY, AUG 23.

Cold-broken clds-harsh N. wind- Merc. 40°-63°-47°-50°- Remained-
er of oats bound & got in-nicely packed-over old barn floor-337 sheaves. Father rode to Walbridge's mill-had rye & corn 1 bhl each gr'd-Mother accomp'd him-making visit meantime at uncle Sam's- Ladies visited at Mrs Root's- Adeline borrowed books of Cath. & Nich's.

The celebrated, would-be- Matthew Huntington-acomp by Jas. Hicks Jun- Saw the dairy talked round so as to have me understand cheese in general would be worth no more than it was in 1835. Wanted to buy-requested my price-told him I had fix'd none-not knowing what it was worth. Asked him to make his best offer- So he said he would pay \$8 1/4 pr hund' deliv'd in Troy- 50 cs apiece for casks-Delivery to be made in the first week of Nov- Twenty five dollars to be paid in advance to bind the bargain. Requested time for deliberation-could not grant it-going to leave town early tomorrow morning- At last consented to wait at I & W Weeks' to see me at 5 or 6 in the eveg. I had forgotten the milking at that hour- Didn't go until that was chiefly over-nor was I foolish enough to entertain the least idea of selling on such terms-without being better informed respecting sales & prospects. Geo. self & Hopkins rode up-made enquiry for Huntington- Had ~~been~~ there-gone again. Transacted some unimportant business- Rec'd at F. Blackmer's "Express" printed at Manchester "Whig" & other papers & came home. Friend J.A. Wight returned from Wills'town. Spent eveg. cheerfully.

WED, AUG 24.

Cold morning-fine handsome day- Merc. 40°-76°-64°- Geo. & Hopks went to Walbridge's mill & had 16 bhl's rye ground for cows-paid for in full 64 cs- Bo't 4 1/2 lbs whol of aunt Nancy Robinson-paid for at 55 cs- Improved time while grist was grinding to go to Aaron Sherwood's on business- called at Mr. Gale's- saw pretty cheese dairy from 18 cows-for which Huntington had offered \$8 1/2 deliv'd at the house-agreeing well with his offer for ours! Poor man- got the mitten in both cases! I improved the forepart of the day in writing letters to cousins Lucy Sears & Annis Stone-residing not far from Lockport & to Mr. Staunton Wilcox, late of Petersburg now of Marcy- The former to give information of the good health of the family & some other circumstances-and the situa-

tion of uncle & aunt Taylor according to his letter of the 12th &c- Made honorable mention of Mr. Wight. The latter went chiefly to solicit information respecting quantity & sales of cheese in that vicinity. P.M. assisted father in righting up board fence & erecting small pens around maple sprouts to defend them against cattle- near the old Stone Bridge- in the lane leading to the cow pasture. Boys got home in good season. Our good friend J.A. Wight- having spent most of the morning in a little hunting excursion- during which he killed a few red squirrels- returned to the house- took cold cut & departed for the "Far West" about 11 A.M. in good spirits. Gave some long looks as he slowly trudged along the lane this side the Lombardy Poplars- Bore those letters above mentioned. Mason Wrisley came to see his mother late in the day.

THURSDAY, AUG 25. Cold morning again- Warm after'd Merc. 46°-76°-66°- Getting out manure employed us chiefly. Paid Mr. N.A. Balch's Bill for tuition of Hopks- 5 wks last Spring- \$1.25 Presented it in person- Said his father was a dairyman at Athens- Windham Co Vt., Invited him to see our dairy- complied with the invitation with apparent satisfaction- praising it moderately as anybody would. Perused Paine's Political Writings a little in the evening. Martha Wrisley paid visit to her mother- P.M.

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Dry with great signs of rain- which from appearances they actually enjoyed at the N- Merc. 54°-73°-82°- Wound off getting out manure for the present- at noon- Father, Mother & George- attended Friday Meeting- Lydia went to Hiram Waters'- Mr. Shaw sick- With Hopkins rode to S. Hinsdill's- Saw Hon. Mr. Hall & John Hicks in 1 horse wagg- suppose going to N. Bennington. At H's bo't bill of goods amounting to 77 1/2 cts- Razor strop, curry comb & bott. ink. Saw H. Waters & Sam Judd Jun. building new boarding house- advised me not at present to buy tow cloth for carpetting. On the way home halted short time at uncle S. Robinsons enjoyed very agreeable friendly conversation. At Post Office rec'd 5 copies Antimasonic Whig paper entitled "The Constitution"- No Editor- No. 2- Vol 1- Knew not why these were sent me- paid for & bro't them away. Near meetinghouse met Henry Mills of South Willstown cheese monger- Had seen & wanted to purchase our dairy- Desired me to say what I would take for it. Told him couldn't tell the worth of it. He insisted on my naming a price- So I half proposed 9 1/2 cts to which he did not respond- But after telling over many facts relative to the transactions of Hull & Boon who last Spring failed entirely- he said he would pay the cheese deliv'd in Troy \$8 3/4 & 50 cs a piece for casks- Money to be paid before the dairy is removed from cheese house- with deduction of interest for thirty days- To give me ten d

days to make my answer in writing. Perused papers
in the evening. Constitution-printed at Woodstock-
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SATURDAY AUG 27 Fair, hot & dry-very dry-Roads
dreadfully dusty-Heat-46°-82°-a
84°-71°- Cheeses all turned-Rubb'd by Mrs W & Miss
A.M. as usual. Boys ploughed up a part of S. meadow
between lane & brook N.W. old clay pit. Repaired
fencing P.M. Mrs Waters sent line pr G. Robinson
requesting me with horse & wagg to go to Petersburg
Corners to inform a brother of Mr. Shaw of his sick-
ness & earnest wish to have him come over & take care
of him. Soon after dinner started out-carrying
George home-he being half sick- Told me that Mr. Ford
late Inn Keeper-N. Bennington-where he still resided
having rec'd sufficient proof of improper intimacy
between his lady & a very mean man named Jim Elwell-
dismiss'd her forthwith. Rec'd some necessary in-
struction at my sister's- told too that Miss N. Doty
was there- Drove on-led by Western Stage a short way
in cloud of dust. Saw great indications off in cer-
tain locations of ravages beginning to be made by
drought. Below the "Pool" in Hoosick overtaking a
young lady of pretty appearance-requested her to be
seated with me-she accepted the favor & repaid me
with good company & lively sociability- Employ'd
in teaching Dist. School. Second daughter of Elder
Keach-about 18-sister 20 yrs of age- 4 brothers young-
er. Elder K. under 40- Sat her down at Bradt's-
Halted a mom't at Jo Cases'- talking with Mr. C &
his friend a Mr. Brown who occupied the Gardner place-
respecting dairies-all of which in these parts had
been bo't up & carried off green at about \$8 pr
hundred. While here two young men came up mounted-
enquiring if a certain horse been seen running at
large in the highway? Were answered in the nega-
tive. They stated that a young man-named Henry
Bentley started in 1 horse waggon this morning with
Miss Bell, his half sister, for Pittsfield. -from
some point in Pownal not fully understood by me.
Commenced going down hill previous to reaching the
main road in the neighborhood of Whipple's Corners.
Got out to make fast & their travelling trunk-beast
started to run-suppos'd to be frightened at umbrella-
seized the reins & attempted to stop him-but all to
no purpose-broke his hold-threw him violently to
the ground-waggon passing over & considerably in-
juring him-the horse continued its course down the
hill, Jehu like, the young lady in a most awful condi-
tion-remaining in the waggon until passing through
a piece of woods where the vehicle coming most vio-
lently in contact with a tree-heaving her out almost
lifeless on the ground- the animal clearing itself
entirely from all incumbrances-ran-no one knew where-
The young lady was taken up & conveyed to a house
near by- physician sent for &c-but it was presumed
she was so seriously injured that death must inevi-
tably ensue. Could say nothing-bled profusely at
the lungs- I cross'd river at C's-made some inquiry-
which resulted in my entering the house of Elihu Pe-

Powers Esqr- Kibbee Shaw soon produced himself- Told him my business without ceremony-would come up either in the evening or next day- not convenient to accompany me. Staid short time to feed & rest mare. Saw many persons of both sexes variously employed- Some of the men were very earnestly engaged- at pitching quoits- even old fellows-while others were interested in preparing for a lawsuit- coming there to search the Esquire's Book of Forms, which being out of date didn't seem to satisfy the enquirers. The room into which I walked was the main kitchen department where all the cooking was no doubt performed- In front of the fireplace was paraded James' or some other large cooking stove-hot as a furnace, which added to the rays of an afternoon sun bursting thro' the W. window & door rendered it shockingly uncomfortable staying there-- Nevertheless found amusement in penning a few interesting passages of Mem's of La Fayette- his visit to U.S.- 1784 &c- Females seemed to be mightily independent spitting about with bare feet & l -s. A daughter of the Esquire of full growth, fair complexion & well turned limbs was present, her father from home. While the sun was yet in fair view-left for home. This side Breese's Bradford Sherwood son of Aaron S. overtook & accomp'd me to the Line Hill- Related many incidents of the meanness of a certain individual-whose name is recorded under Aug 23. Got home 8 in the eveng.

One word respecting Mr. Case. Told me he had rec'd an offer for his farm, includg all his real estate as I took it- being at that moment in consultation with his frd B. whether to sell or not. We gave in against it in view of future enjoyment- be being in the decline of life-his place one of the finest in the world &c.. The last time I ever saw & spoke with our good friend & neighbor Franklin Blackmer was this evening as I returned from Petersburg. It was usual with me to take advice of him respecting the sale of the dairy in which he took an lively & very friendly interest.. On telling him of the offer of Mr. M- said he guess'd he should not take it-might do better- it was early yet-not best to name a price- act Van Buren- noncommittal- Didn't know how it would turn- tho't I should be likely enough to get 9 cts yet- no harm in holding on

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SUNDAY AUG 28.

Continued very hot & dry- wind changed in the evening to a southern direction-grew cool rapidly. The usual number, I believe, went to church. Perused some of T. Paine's Revolutionary writings-1776-80 &c- also a curious article from a Southern Medical Periodical copied i to the N.Y. Spectator of Aug 4- givng particulars of the life of a most curious Italian who by travelling into upper Egypt was led to the important discovery of petrifying any animal substance in such manner as to render it harder than glass-

in perfect shape & color & from experiments made upon subjects on which he had wrought not the least doubt was entertained of their enduring to the end of time. Not many months since this gentleman died - probably his art with him - Great loss to the world indeed. Rec'd visit from my old friend Levi Jewett who came to see if our dairy were sold - Assured him it was not - Asked him whence he rec'd his news ? Replied - Mr Mills told his folks, in his absence, that he had bo't it. I was displeased - supposed he, instead of doing as he intimated to me should respecting his return home through York State, took the main road via Pow'l meeting house - Called on Jewett's people to buy their dairy & to induce them the more readily to sell - told without reserve he had bo't ours. Being a little touched - immediately drew up a sharp billet well seasoned - signifying non-acceptance of terms. However on further reflection threw that aside & wrote another in good humored laconic style amounting to the same thing without stirring up passion. It is better in dealing if possible to preserve a due degree of equanimity - rather than suffer ourselves to be tossed about by the whirlwind of passion - But your lessons on M. Philosophy are not tho't of in the modern school of Bargain & Sale - Away with your Christianity & Philosophy when you are about to make a profitable bargain - None of those whimsical old rules - they are not to apply to Society in these modern improv'd times. Enjoyed pleasing conversation with Mr. J who after spending an hour or two here - left. Our fam's Mr. Parker of Adams, Md, gave us a call - Looked at dairy - enquired price ? Replied - should enter into no negotiation of the kind on that day. Therefore, only said, he did not know how that was, being on his way North - tho't he would call - hoped I would have my mind made up as to price on his return. As to what he would do - could matter very little - since I conceived his soul, provided he possessed every other requisite, was too contracted to enable him to purchase a dairy of the respectability which we claimed for ours. Mason Wrisley came early in the day to see his mother - having become uneasy on acc't of some recent management of his employer, Mr. Robinson, in which, so far as I could judge, he was right. The matter was got over - he returned home resolv'd to be a good boy. State of thermometer may be thus recorded 50° - 82° - 84° - . The evening was devoted to waiting upon Miss Nancy Doty from Truman Squiers to North Bennington in l.h. wagg. She conversed mostly of relatives & friends - her cousin Asa, the present Summer, saw her brother Ellis at N. York - considerably out of health - thin & emaciated - After returning to Binghamton - she should go to Detroit to see him - it being his request. Mr. Safford & family of Enosburgh whom she had recently visited were in usual health - Daughter Ann, a young married lady - in the consumption beyond all hope - yet able to walk about & do some trifling chores about the house - calm, full of resignation - talked of dying with perfect composure - as if going a

journey- ready & willing at any time- Mr.S. continued exercised much with hypo- walked as erect & firm as a young man of 25 or 30- Left her at friend Asa's- without calling- the evening being far advanced. Left book borrowed of Mr.D. last Spring in charge with her to hand over to him. It seems I never made record of being at his house at that time- He talked of going W & when in Troy, May 17, saw him there- having started on his route. I put letter to Mills in the Post Office & put \$2 in the hands of the (hands)- lady of B R Sears- to be given in my father's name to Eph'm Taylor- her venerable grandfather., as donation. The errands were attended to as I started out & on my return called at S. Rob's (Sen) -- people gone to bed, but cousin Amanda rallied for me- got lent cradle for H.W's folks- Meeting uncles- Sam & Safford in l.h. wagg near the old Sam Fay house- rec'd information that their nephew Benj. Hyde of about 35- formerly clerk here many years since for H. Wallace had recently committed suicide by hanging himself. Atty H.W's was told Shaw was no worse- Reached home past ten in the evening.. Mr. Hyde, at the time of his death, resided with his mother & relatives in Georgia-Vt- never was married- belonged to a family of respectability & wealth.

Let me record that Miss Doty was no "Van Buren Man" in politicks- nor was she a profess'd politician She appeared modest in regard to that subject- gave an opinion only when called upon.

MONDAY, AUG 29. Faint, warm & cldy- Wd. S- thund' late in the day- Rained very slightly P.M. more in the evening- Heat 60°-76°-70° Business much as it was in the early part of Saturday- plowing down & scraping the surface of ground nearly in the same place- to do much good hereafter. Suffered from bad cold- Hopkins went to bed at night nearly sick- Mrs Kent visited our ladies- A pedlar of jewelry called- Knew of their buying nothing more than a common coarse & fine tooth comb- Dr. Wrisley was said to have paid his respects to his lady- not in the most conciliatory manner.

TUESDAY) AUG 30- Having rained slightly in the night- cold weather followed off course. Mercury 62°- in the morning- 60° at noon 54°- near sunset- Manure in W. part of S. meadow spread- Cheese in part turned- P.M. business of Saturday & Monday resumed & vigorously & successfully prosecuted. Mrs Harwood & daughter visited H. Waters' Mr.S. well & faithfully taken care of by his brother- I rec'd letter from our old friend Cyrus Bisbee requesting me to furnish him with certain quantities of Pork, Butter & cheese- dated New York- Division Street No. 30- Aug 25, 1836. In the evening perused the famous Letter of Martin Van Buren in reply to Queries by Mr. Williams of Kentucky- Dated 8th inst- Could see that his hobby was the specie currency & placing to account of the Bank of the U.S. & the leaders of opposition in Congress, all the pecuniary embarrassments of 1834- Miss N. Doty's letter to my

sister Lydia-dated At.Albans.Aug.16 was rec'd pr Mr Hooker-and read this evening- Very good- written out very fairly- Read also remarks by Col.Stone on Mr.Van Buren- Good- but short. Mr.Bisbee formerly drove the butchering business in this town-say 1820-25.

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WED. AUG 31

Very handsome but cold for the season. Merc.38°-69°-64° or 65° Cows foddered with fresh rowen in the morning - Bull driven home by G & H \$1.50 paid in full for services according to agreement. Business the same P.M. as on Saturday & Monday-about completed- Some of the soil was carried a few rods E. & spread from the waggon to try its utility as manure for meadow. Wrote most of a long letter in reply to Bisbee with the view of trying to get ~~ever~~ our dairy introduced into the heart of the City- Miss Wells came from her brother-in-law Root's for short visit- Cheese made pres't month- Lbs 2837- Total the season 12768. In 1835 for Aug-Lbs ~~22~~2750-Total up to end of the month-11245.

THURSDAY SEPT 1. Flat S. wind-cldy-cldy-rains slightly-seemingly mainly goes off N.E. rather cool after rain-Merc.58° in the morn- morning-not observ'd afterwards-

Besides foddering cows & variety of other employment-boys plow stubble land E. of the cheese house. I completed my long letter to Bisbee in which he was requested to find out all he could respecting the cheese trade in the City-to find a prompt good buyer to purchase our dairy &c- Conditionally engaged to furnish him with 200 lbs cheese at favorable price-should he be able to do as I wished. With it march'd up street-saw very full coach ready to start off for Albany. Saw a man from the E. named Packard-native of Wilmington-asked him to be bearer of the letter-but refused because he said he should incur liability to penalty of the law- So as I walk'd past the P.O. slipped it into the box in the door provided for such purposes. The letter besides gives a history of its sales principally the last 5 years- to whom sold & reputation it was said to have.

Spent afternoon chiefly at N.L.Robinson's Grocery- Paid in full for 1 lb tea 76 cs-article rec'd pr daughter. While there came in Mr.Jacob Pool, Gen'l Robinson, D.Clark, & I T Robinson. Some words, not in heat or otherwise, between the General & Darius condemnatory of the policy of altering the Constitution- creating a Senate in the place of the Council- thereby adding 19 more persons to draw pay from the Treasury without the least benefit, in their opinion, to the Public. Darius declared he should never vote for the man who in Convention voted for that amendment-as much as to say he would not go for V.D.S Representative the present year- he having done so last fall at Montpelier- The genl & Isaac were with him in sentiment-but not so certain how they would do on sd.day- Saw Jour'l of

Commerce of late date in which read several pretty articles- among which was an acc't of the ascension of Mont Blank by a small party in July last- so cold that some of them froze parts of their bodies. Started for home after 5 P.M. At P. Office rec'd 5 papers from Woodstock. At store of F. Blackmer's there were Major A. Robinson, Capt Hyde, capt. P. Dewey & others- enquired respecting the health of Mr. Blackmer- M. Scott represented it as very bad but believed he possibly was a little better. It was publicly made known that the Post Master General of the U.S. was at J & W Weeks'- Mr. Kellogg left the P.O. by invitation to go & pay his respects to him. I should have been gratified in seeing the person of so noted a man as Amos Kendall had I felt at liberty to call. But after stepping into the house of H. Waters'- came directly home on foot- calculating to assist at milking. They had got along with it so far that there remained but one cow to me which was cheerfully attended to. E. B. Burton- came here early in the day- They said he also was here on the 16th & 17th of May last..

FRIDAY SEPT 2.. Remarkably cold- particularly about noon- falling 4 degrees of the thermometer- Merc. 45°-67°-61°-50°- Orchard ground E. cheese house sown with rye- 100 rods ground- Afternoon father & Geo. P. attended Friday Meeting. Hopkins got waggon tongue set up at Chandler's- I walk'd to the south- saw a young fellow near Norman Norton's barn waiting his return from his upper lots.- soon made his appearance- attended to what the other wanted which was something respecting a gun- The latter said his name was Rand- about 21 years of age- Worked in Stamford for old Jonas Camp at \$15 pr month- Buckley Squires for security- Parents a few years since removed from some place in the State of Maine into this country- residing at present in Pownal. Left scissors & snuffers with Norman to be repaired & march'd to Jewett's- Levi not at home- Old lady quite unwell- Friend Eunice & her neice Miss Adeline in good health- Good deal said respecting the price of cheese- Levi had recently been to Williamstown and learned that the Israel Cole dairy had been sold to a Boston man for \$10 pr hundred. I had the satisfaction also of knowing that it was through a wrong impression of my friend Levi & wife that it came to be reported to me that Mills had said he had purchased our dairy- never said so nor had he been here before calling there. My visit was not long- Came to Judge L. Norton's & borrowed N.Y. Spect. of Aug 29. Took scissors & and snuffers at Norman's- paid 6 1/4 us for fixing & came home- Read much in the paper. This morning early heard Deacon Hinsdill's & the Centre Village bells in quick succession toll for the death of some person or persons of some distinction- Were hardly prepared to hear that of one so much esteemed & respected as our friend Franklin Blackmer occurring this morning at about 2 o'clock- Aged not far from 40- Fine honest man. The other was not a resident of the town.

had been to visit his friends, as I heard, in Dorset, was on his return to Albany-put up at J.N. Hinsdill's- taken ill in the night of a bilious complaint & died about 4 in the morning- Merchant, young or middle aged by the name of Sikes. E B Burton left in the morning for the N.

SATURDAY, SEPT 3. So great were the tokens of rain in the mornng we really supposed there certainly would be some worth while before night- But ended in disapp't- Chilly S. wind. Merc. 53°-52°-not over 62°- Cows rowened- Bbl cider put up & conveyed to N.L. Robinson's-\$1.50 payable in goods. Cheeses turned & rubbed- manure got out in E. pt S. meadow. S.H. Brown's sheep are in Fay meadow- Father mends fence against them- Picks up old wood! W. Sibley visits Hopkins, Mrs Root & children visit here. Great drove of cattle pass-So had a greater one some 2 or 4 days before.

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Hot clear day-Dry to the backbone- Merc. 60°-80°-81°-72°- Lighten'd in the morning-Slight expectation of rain. Attended the funeral of F. Blackmer- Procession of mourners very numerous- unusually so- Meetinghouse full to overflowing. Sermon by Rev'd E.W. Hooker- nor flattery nor varnish- Warm against Morality, intemperance, selling ardent spirits- Sabbath breaking and all manner of bad deeds- Said a few words on party strife on the eve of & in time of elections. Text Isaiah 55th 6th & 7th verses. Interment took place at noon- Hon. H. Hall- one of the pall bearers. This ceremony being ended & most of the people having left- spent sometime looking at monuments. Those of the late Capt C. Hills & Mrs Doolittle appeared to be in new grand style. L. Jewett was a part of the time with me. P.M. came home- Wrote Jour'l & in the eveg perused Political writings of Thomas Paine. I mentioned Mr. H's condemning morality- he did so only as being a false prop made use of by sinners instead of true Religions.

MONDAY SEPT 5. Warm morning- grew cool afterward- Cldy- Some flattering appearances of rain- none fell however amputing to more than a dew- Clear'd up before night- Strong N.W. wind- Cold eveg. expected frost. Merc. 64°-60°-62°-58°-54° Manure- scraped up in yards in front of barn & from under W. cow stable- Carri'd into S. meadow- E. side near line- spread from the waggon. S.H. Brown having of late kept his flock in the Fay meadow- about 2/3s of it escap'd into ours- whence they were forthwith bro't out & driven home. complaint regularly made to his son- who for the present secured them in the big barnyard- 2d time of getting in. In the evening read Crisis by Paine addressed to B Commissioners of Peace- Summer of 1778. Mr. Root came over to borrow steelyards- being something in the beef speculation.

Billy Armstrong came home, sounding his trumpet very loud.

TUESDAY, SEPT 6. Fair, cool- frosty mornng- Merc.

32°-56°- at noon- The frost just mentioned, was the most severe experienced the present cold season- Am unable to state as to the mischief it did to others- Potatoe vines, corn leaves beans &c were cut pretty considerably. Many of the ordinary duties of dairymen & farmers were attended to previous to going to Freeman's meeting. Caleb Brown Esqr, called upon us- Could not get him to say what the dairy was worth- he saw & tried the cheese presume it suited him. Deferred bargaining until getting up street- Here was a very numerous assemblage of the sovereign people- perhaps more so than at any former Meeting of the kind recorded on the town books & I am pretty sure- the most disorderly. A long time in getting once round- No choice- Three candidates for Assembly- Stephen Dewey & Dr. Heman Swift- Harrison- John V.D. Spiegle- V. Buren. Supp'd at N.D. Robinson's- Went round the 3rd or 4th time for Rep. to Assembly- no choice- Dewey good many ahead of the others- One or two riots- greatest noise & disorder ever seen in our Court house. Staid till past 10 evening & came along with Newton Bates on foot. Understood the meeting was kept open until just 3 in the morning iof the 7th- when after several ballottings & many rows- Stephen Dewey obtained his election by about 21 majority. I this P.M. had the temerity to make sale of the dairy to C. Brown at \$p. pr hundred deliv'd at the cheese house- Casks paid for as usual at 50 cs- But there was one bad article which don't believe ought to have been agreed to- deduction of 2 1/2 months interest from first of October- at or about which time would take away the first part paying money under this rule. I had made up my mind to take \$9- thinking it a fair price- without however taking the precaution of having a few days to reflect upon it. He easily got up to it- which should have at once made me jealous that it was too low- I assumed to know what I certainly did not know.- Comparatively the price was high- but in regard to the N.Y. market there was no other guide than the Reported Weekly prices- On the contrary he knew all about it- Be it as it might- I was caught in my own trap- took me at my own terms, except the allowance of interest, to which I reluctantly agreed. H. Waters & N.L. Robinson thought very favorably of my contract. Could I have known what was doing at N.Y. & among the Dairymen in the country- should have felt no hesitation respecting the matter. In 1833 he deceiv'd me into a bargain- I now deceiv'd myself into one. Contracts of such magnitude ought not to be made without full informations in both parties. L. Jewett sold his cheese at \$8 7/8 deliv'd in Troy- payment middle December. Levi told me I ought to have had \$9 1/2. His advice came too late- My wish was to obtain what it was worth- If my price was up to that- it was enough.

WED. SEPT 7.

Chilly morning-fair day-Didn't observe the Thermometer in the morning-presume it was at ab't 40°- 56°-atnoon-Cold evening. Potatoes in N. meadow were dug-tops killed from 55 to 60 bhls. Studied over the late bargain-did not know but that it was good enough as yet-wish'd had let it remain open a few days to wait for information. Believed it would turn out that had miss'd it.

Elihu Wright gave information of the result of the election. At H. Warren's there was born a female infant of very diminutive size-Was reported to me by my lady & Mrs W who were there only a short time in the evening- Mrs Almira, the amiable consort of T.S. Kent-seemed to be in high spirits on the occasion.

THURSDAY, SEPT 8.

Another cold fair day-Not so very cold after the sun arose high enough to warm the air. Merc. 40°-68°-64°- So very dry the pastures appeared to be quite barren. A few potatoes were dug in the S. meadow-Rather unproductive. P.M. the foundation of an old brick-kiln was plowed up & the loose materials scraped off W. into a swampy piece of ground-lately covered with Willows & flags. Bricks were manufactured here from 1786 or 1788-to 1791 or some of those days.

FRIDAY, SEPT 9

Very hot morning-I mean, after sunrise. Afternoon, weather changed-clouded up-became cool- Rec'd slight rain from the North. Merc. 50°-86°- in sun-76°-60°-

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Plowing & scraping Brick-kiln and afterwards operating in like manner on the bank W of the old clay pit & filling up the same was continued. Weighed some of the driest cheeses & found the shrinkage most remarkably light-in some instances not more than 2 lbs since the fore part of April & 10th of May. Was strongly impressed with the belief of having sold too soon & of course too low-would not wait for prices to come up.

SATURDAY, SEPT-

Cold, chilly-cloudy, unpleasant-Cold rain storm seemed gathering from the E- wind blowing fresh from that quarter-Merc. 44°- in the morning-50°- at night The business above described was brought to a close at noon. Remainder of the day devoted to a variety of employment-sorting & putting potatoes in the cellar-mending fences, picking up old wood &c-Cheeses as usual-turned & rubb'd-likewise measured both in height & diameter up to the last of August-being in No 133-requiring about 31 casks-all committed to paper. Some further experiments were made on weight of cheese & the result was very favorable. That made June 23-weighed then 107-weighed now 102 lbs.

It was usual with us heretofore to calculate the shrinkage at about 10 pr ct- Now it appeared to be but 5. Had the weather appeared fair-should have rode abroad with Mrs Harwood. Arrived from Schuylerville-nur cousin Ira B.Dewey on foot-in health.

SUNDAY, SEPT 11. To our great joy there was a fine rain during the early part of the day- Cloudy & mild P.M. wind S- Merc. 58°- late A.M. 65°- eveg. Geo. & Adeline rode to meeting-heard Rev'd Pierce-President of an Ohio College preach. Visited H.Waters'- all doing well there- Brought aunt Lydia home who made but a short tarry-after supper G. waited upon her thither again. I assisted some at cheese-read many interesting articles in the papers & in the evening some good ideas in Paine's old political writings. Ira B. was away-probably in Algiers. Continued baiting cows in N.Meadow- Vegetation seemed to revive after the rain.

MONDAY, SEPT 12. Very warm- more especially forepart of the day- Strong S. wind- Rained in the night- & again P.M. Merc. 60°-76°-80°- William Bates came to build wall-was employed E side of the lane against Litt Mead. assisted by George P. Afternoon rode with Mrs H to Hinsdill's store- good deal of company in- Young Eames & others. While the woman traded with E.H.Swift-improv'd a few mom's conversing with N. Edgerton about the Western Steamboats of which he knew much. A clever Bill was made out including large M. shawl at \$11.75 for Lydia. total \$16.02-On Cr- They complimented me with having sold the dairy well- but time must yet determine that- I am inclined to the belief that if the sale had been deferred to the end of about 4 weeks-it would have been money in my pocket. Bo't & pd for 1 lb Raisins. Rode in the rain to Mr.Fuller's- Mrs H. took seat in the house while I gave particular directions for having 33 cheese casks made- Came up through Henderson woods- Halted at Grocery of N.L. Robinson- rec'd 2 lbs his best tea in payment for bbl cider-fractional difference being paid. Oney-stoop at Love's were seated & walking to & fro several gentlemen-among whom may be mentioned-David Robinson Jun., Sol Clark, J.S.Robinson & D Love. At Post Office rec'd letter from C.Bisbee containing many particulars of the cheese trade in the City. Best dainties selling at only 9 1/2 cs by the single cask- 12 1/2 cs at retail. Had shown my letter of Aug 31 to a neighbor of his who laughed to split his sides- That gentleman was a wholesale dealer in Butter & cheese-one that could be depended upon-would like well to purchase our dairy- wanted to have me come down with a sample of it-thought I should be well paid for it. Adonijah Underhill was the name of sd dealer. Catherine St.No. The letter was dated about the 6th inst. & rather went to prop my drooping spirits in regard to the late sales-

Rec'd copy of N.Y. S.Jour'l from J.C.Presho- having handsome cut of strange African animal-

Most unusually hot evening for the season-thermometer at or near 70°-

TUES. SEP'T 13th. Fair-very hot-flying clds-Wd.S
Merc.62°-84°-80°-75°-73°-

Wm. Bates procured pair of oxen of Judge L. Norton commenced walling-N. side Grove-George, Hopks & horses- Harry Warren & father-being also therein engaged- Warren drill'd & blasted rock-but not profitably. Besides the everyday employment about cheese walked up street accompanied by I.B. Dewey-of whom purchased 1 copy Revolutions in Europe for 94 cs- Original cost \$1.87 1/2-let me have it thus low in consideration of past favors. Paid him at L.P. & Co's where bo't 5 1/4 lbs c.fish at 4 1/2 cs-paid 23 cts for it. Moses Robinson-Gord. N. Squires-present. Conversed very familiarly with J.S. Robinson Esqr a few moments respecting late attempts on the life of the French King & C&C- In coming past Weeks'- put head through front window-lower sash up & read a part of the splendid advertisement set up by the Circus Company who were to be here to exhibit-22d inst- Made short halt at H. Waters' when going up I believe. After arrival home conveyed dinner to the field-which having taken part in devouring spent remainder of the day there. Cheese of this day rather sour & vastly reduced in size. G. House had business on Monday evening with William Bates of a private nature.

Mrs Sally Harwood was on this day 43 years of age- in fine health & spirits.

WED, SEPT 14th. Men & beasts hardly ever suffer more from heat & rareness of air - Sultry-cldy- About 1 P.M. began to thunder-at length commenced raining, but the supply was but sparing-broke away tow'd evening-clds dispersed- True there was a slight shower early evening-Heat continued through the day- Merc. 68°-84°-80°-78°-73° Walling continued. H Warren on again. D presented dinner & staid P.M. as on the 13th. Oxen taken home by William at night who goes to his father's for the night. Spent Evng. reading one of Coopers stories of intimacy with LaFayette- Pretty & interesting-1830- Ira B. Dewey left this morning for Schuylerville-whence would start soon for Hopkinton, N.Y. no more to sojourn in these parts. Sent by him letter to his father- Ira came here 1830.

THURS. SEP'T 15.. Cldy in some measure-hazy-clear' up up fine at night- Very comfortable in regard to heat. Merc.62°-76°-74°-66°- Same business continued.

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Elihu Wright worked instead of H Warren. Hopkins drove horses-whose services were arduous & important. Procured materials in the opening. W. of Grove. Evening read

Paine's Crisis-not by course-No's 1 & 2 & perhaps more.

FRIDAY, SEP'T 16 Mostly fair-& until afternoon
hot-wound off temperate-Merc.
57°-92°- in the sun-74°-in shade at noon-67°-ar 66°-
at night. Wall completed after hard days service-
22 rods including two bar ways. Elihu Wright again
on the ground-very good too- Dinner carried up as
usual. Lent training equipments to Henry Warren with
exception of gun. Mr. Harry Nicholls & lady came
here P.M. Adeline took walk up lane with them &
afterwards accomp'd them home & slept at H. Waters'
Mr. Mills made another call said cheese was worth 9 cs
To drowsy to read at night-Looked at Revolutions in
Europe.

SATURDAY, SEPT 17. Faintly rainy-cleared away at
night-warm. Merc. from 60°-to 66°
Some black cherries were gathered in the morning-
E. Wright of the party-no great scratch-birds had
carried them off. Afterwards the dairy occupied at-
tention. Geo. mended fences-performed some other
chores & wore away the time doing good. Hopkins &
Warren Sibley went to training P.M.. It was company
drill- Read Spect. in the evening- Indeed-read it
much in the day time.

SUNDAY, SEPT 18. Very fair-pleas't-pretty hot
P.M. very foggy cldy morning.
Father, Geo & Adeline went to meeting. Lydia came
home with the little girls-drove home again past
noon- J.C. Prescho came to see us-made him very wel-
come- Soon to leave for Natchez (Alabama) Mississippi

MONDAY, SEPT 19. Foggy morning-very hot day-
scarcely ever exceeded at this
season-Very fair- Merc. 62°-86°-92°- 80°-72°- Cows
spent Sunday in N. Meadow. were admitted into the
upper orchard-fruit having first been secured-such
as we selected. Cows were watch'd- after all one got
chok'd- but soon recovered. Father & Geo. worked at
ditching. Before dinner examined Jour'l to find
date of delivery of flour at Arnolds'- Deliv'd here
July 16. Another thing that I had forgotten may
be found-Apr 16- Two musicians were seen parading
along the road S. over the Blue & Long Hills play-
ing violins

Rode to E. Village-conveyed two bbls apples to
J. Rogers' lady- small job mending boot done by Jo-
nathan for Geo. P. Came back to Cong meetinghouse-
drove up to N.L.R.'s Grocery- Old Mr. Pool acting
clerk-N. gone to Troy- Coming down street saw uncle
Sam Rob. and the Shaftsbury-Whiton who spoke of the
Harmon Dairy as sold last year-See Oct 26, 1835.
Made calls at Bank, John Hicks ' & I & W Weeks &
rec'd the name of the gentlemen of the Firm on \$50.
Note which got discounted at the Bk-for one month-
Money in part made up handsome new bills-new plate-
Mr. Weeks very kind!. After returning home prepared
for going to Troy.

TUESDAY, SEPT 20. Rained very sparingly in some places in the morning- Drought continued-made sad work through Pittstown & that quarter- Warm & cldy wind S- Started away after sunrise. Baited at Geo. Snyder's- Saw Life of Harrison there in pamphlet form- Got to Troy about 2 P.M. St Stabled old ,are at Stearns'- Dined at capt. Waters' Slept at Mr. Goddard's- Mr. G & Elisha Jun^r gone West looking place- all well excepting a child of Mrs Kendrick's which had measles rather severely. Saw J.C. Presho's at Capt. W's who was in full preparation for Natchez- Visited Arnold's-made them acquainted with the trouble of bad flour-rec'd in July last- but could not at first recollect the brand-nor afterwards the date of delivery-the former was that of "Stedman"- Not far off- would endeavor to have it made right. Saw old Geo. Tibbetts & capt. Gardner at A's store- the latter father-in-law of Anson Arnold. Celebrated sea-cap't-in which service he spent many years.

WEDNESDAY SEP'T 21st. Became more cool-cloudy- wind N. Mostly taken up in running from store to store purchasing goods & looking at many that we did not purchase. The most costly was made at V & D Marvin's \$30.50- For schedule & value of all bo't in T see Day Book of present date. About noon saw John C. packing up his things at Capt W's- several articles of which he gave away-among the rest, a pair of gloves-but little worn, to me. Four o'clock P.M. went to the Steam Boat Dock as the Jonas C. Hartt was about to depart- John C. came down to go on board-as he entered I followed- thinking of only going to Albany- E.H. Chapin was among the passengers-spoke with him- afterwards-kept close by us while we were in the boat- At Albany she came along side of one of the large S B's- Discharged & took in passengers- I could have left & returned by stage to Troy- but feeling confident without actually knowing her destination- that the J.C.H. would after conveying her passengers to the North America immediately return to Troy- remained on board- keeping up very lively conversation with my friend-who while we were leaning against the railing, labored larboard side-- noticing some fine country seats situated on the E. bank of the Hudson- presented me with a metallic card or something of that description issued by some of the merchants of N.Y.- This was from a large house in Pearl Street- In return I gave him a bright late coined- Jackson 25 ct piece. Being arrived outside the Overslaugh & neared up to the N. America-the passengers mostly boarded here including John C. who appeared firm & cheerful. I saved him much vexation & trouble that he would have fallen into, by taking passage with him at Troy- Before he left Capt. W's he handed me 2 letters for my perusal- which I supposed he cared but little about-meant to give them to me as I imagined-never looked at them-being in some haste to get about the City doing errands- Soon after leaving T. he recollected these & said he must return to capt W's for them, I drew them from

my pocket- his trouble ceas'd at once. They were of recent date from his new employer while at N. York- containing terms & particulars without which it would not have done for him to go on at all. The establishment in which he was to be employed was that of a large printing house- the books of which he is to keep. Salary.

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first year \$700-second
\$800-third \$1000- to

board himself- Should think his chance a good one- Voyage at expense of employer- \$70- Expected to sail from N.Y. 25th. After discharge of passengers -the word was that our boat would remain at this station all night-that the John Mason-lying along side-would wait for arrival of the Erie from N.York- receive passengers-touch at Albany & finally return to Troy sometime in the night- This arrangement left me & two or 3 others in a sad predicament- I had so strongly calculated on returning by about 6 o'clock to Troy-that I didn't even give notice to my lady or any one of my intended departure.-therefore thinking there would be painful anxiety felt for my safety-became extremely uneasy at the prospect of being thus becalmed for 3 or 4 hours. Two gentlemen landed determined to foot it to Albany-5 miles- I followed them- But taking their advice returned on board where hadn't remained long when the Wadsworth, an old loggy steamer of the smallest class came alongside-going direct to Albany- Those wishing to go there immediately jumped on board-including myself- Thanking our stars for so much good luck Among the few passengers saw one who belong'd in Brooklyn - Commanded a River schooner-which he came down to hear from or to find out something respecting her- but failed--Should have to come again. Another was a militia soldier from some few miles S. of Albany-returning to that city for an article left behind. Another was a young merchant from Montreal dealer in silk- ran away from his friends as I had leaving sister in A. that he had not seen before for 18 years-&c- Full of little music- whistling a great variety of antiquated & modern airs in a kind of undertone--key- Very sociable & lively should guess him to have been from 25 to 30- Proceeding onward small distance-the W took in tow a canal boat arriving in Albany between 7 or 8. Let me remark ere too late that the Ovsig a large number of vessel lay grounded- waiting for the tide to take them off- River remarkably low-scarcely ever known to be more so- On inquiry for a Troy Stage-was informed that there was none-Concluded should have to tramp on foot- Against the Museum halted a moment to enjoy good Musick- Went on again a good jog- One horse waggon containing 2 persons passed me tow'd Troy- requested a ride- told me there was a stage coming on- Kept on to the McAdam gate-where sure enough a stage coach actually overtook me into which I stepped without reserve- There were 3 gentlemen & 2 ladies- Halt was made at half way house for collect-

ing fares. One of the passengers inside occupying forward seat was caught napping & in waking him some violent jerks were applied which bro't him sensibly to himself- paid his fare muttering many epithets of dislike at what had been done to him. I suppose the fact was that he was some "over the bay."

A gentleman passenger was left at this place if I recollect rightly- Our friend of the bottle left us at West Troy- The remainder were conveyed into old Troy- First went to Capt W's to enquire for the better half-which they said was at Mrs Goddard's- halted at Stearns' oated the mare-went to G's-found them waiting for me rather impatiently- It was between 10 & 11- supped & went to bed. My Montreal fr' sd. his name was Warner- native of Albany.

THURSDAY, SEPT 22. Cloudy-dull-rather warm-wind S- Rain expected. Took breakfast where we slept-paid respects to Mr. Andrews & lady- or rather my wife did accomp'd by Mrs Waters- I went to the store-but missed seeing Mr. A. Much other business was attended to which may be found in Day Bk- Bo't good house bell of Capt Waters for 6 lbs butter to be delivered the coming fall. Closed up all our concerns paying Stearns for keeping mare 62 1/2 cs- & started away about 1/2 past 9 A.M. Learned the price of plaster at Steam mill to be \$8 pr ton. Bott of Arnolds 7 Gs excellent lamp oil at \$1.12 1/2- paid in full- Nothing worth mentioning occurred on the road except taking a piece of McAdam this side the old Wadsworth stand-which was unfinished-got along perhaps a mile or more-was met by an drunken Irishman who informed us that we must return a short distance & enter the old road by means of a cross road which he pointed out to us-otherwise if we were to go on should be ordered back at the expence of much greater distance. So we did as we were bidden-suffering no material inconvenience. There were 2 ladies accompanying this Paddy-of the same fry we presume. The man said there were pine trees lying across the road, a-head of us, so that it would be impossible to get along. Coming up Potter hill saw a Mr. Colvin, who wished to sell us a cow in March last- conversed with him on common topicks. Also saw my old friend Daniel Welch who went to Burlington & Plattsburgh in 1812- Did not stop to converse with him-saw him going down & coming up in the little village this side the Wadsworth House. Baited at the Haynes place-saw some portraits in the parlour which looked pretty fair- Didn't stop long- came on again pretty lively- after getting up the line hill began to meet people returning from the Circus exhibition in E. Village-Began to rain very faintly before we got home where arrived about sunset.

FRIDAY SEP'T 23.. Great signs of rain-without getting much-Wind S- Ditching the brook above the stone bridge in the S. meadow was completed- P.M. father & G.P. attended Friday meeting- Self & Hopkins took stove cap to Pocket Furnace to see if it could be penetrated by drill- S.H. Brown tried it faithfully-satisfying us that it

was next to impossible. Bo't 7 runnets of Mt. Peck at 12 1/2 on credit- Went to the store of John Norton-looked over cider acc't- for which there remained due about 5 G's brandy. Had lately been through Adams, Cheshire, Pittsfield-neighborhood of the latter place-butter was selling at 25 cs pr lb- Said if he owned

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our dairy should not like to sell at present-None could be bo't in that section for less than 10 cs pr lb- Holders required that price- He believed the scarcity of that article warranted them on asking it- Before coming home drove to L. Patchin's & bo't 12 lbs good brown sugar at 9/10-on book- Hiram Scott offered to be my bail- At H. Waters' certain money projects were talked over.

SATURDAY, SEP'T 24. Rained slightly in the morning- if I mistake not- a little in the afternoon & powerfully very late in the eveg. Merc. 62°-79°-71°- The bars to the new wall were completed & some potatoes dug P.M. The stove was set up-dismiss'd some day in May last. Cheeses turned & rubb'd. Cows greatly dried up-Cheese of 23d weigh'd 69 lbs.

State of Thermometer on the 20th 75°-82°-72°- 21st 46°-71°-(66)64°- 22d 56°-75°-66°- 23d 62°-68°-64°-

SUNDAY, SEP'T 25.. Cold-cldy-high N.W. Wd- frost expected- Mercury 51°- in the morning-53°- at noon-51 or 52°-nearly sunset- Cows first baited in S. Meadow- Had about finished the Litt M. Father, Geo, Mrs W & Adeline went to church- Mt H. preached about borrowing & lending -particularly books- Geo. Caldwell & wife plate Miss Charlotte Loomis were in town-went to meeting this day- I wrote Jour'l & 2 letters- the one to Arnolds respecting damage for bad flour rec'd July 16- setting it at \$2- The other to Jeremiah G. Chichester-Troy- requesting schedule & prices of John C. Prescho's book-that I might make up my mind whether to purchase them or not Aung Lydia H. Waters, Sam Judd Jun., & Benj. R. Sears were severally here-the last in the eveg- Carried the aforesd letters to Elihu Wright's to deposit ready for Loomis in the morning. He being about to drive ld iron to Troy- Made short visit there-bright m.lt. eveg.

MONDAY, SEP'T 26. Cold morning-little if any frosty-sharp N. wind-more or less clds-Continued quite cool through the day-Merc. 40° 57°-55°- Two bbls wheat thrashed & cleaned from 50 sheaves-40 bbls potatoes dug in S. mead. Cows baited there-also-Business seemed to go on tolerably lively- In comparing my bills with the monsy with which returned from Troy- found myself minus 67 cents- occasioned no doubt in changing money with some one- Never mind, it wont kill me- nevertheless I very much dislike it. Carried away with me \$99.75-Expended

\$82.82-including \$1.50 left for a certain purpose at Capt. Waters'- came home with \$16.26-leaving balance unaccounted for, as stated above.

WED, SEP'T 26. Lowery-winty-stormy-Wind N-rain & snow intermingled in the morning an hour or two- succeeded by frowning clds & cutting blasts N.Wd- Most unusually cold- Merc. 36°-44°-42°- These remarks are misplaced-I copied the minutes of the 28th to which they must apply.

TUESDAY, SEP'T 27.. Cold, cutting E. wind-cldy-P.M. wind suddenly changed to N.W. bringing on a kind of tornado-which however was quickly over- Therm'r indicated 40°) 53°-46°- Digging potatoes in S. meadow- Hopkins sent to Walbridge's mill- 2 bbls wheat- 5 do rye- 1 do Ind corn-pays 6 cs for grinding wh't- 4 for rye-corn toll'd- Mrs Wrisley rec'd letter from her mother of recent date- Adeline one from cous H.H. Robinson. Eliza Ann-daughter of Henry & Eliza K. Warren-dies this day-3 yrs old in July last- Had the whooping cough- Geo. Adeline & Hopkins visited Street- gave notice to clergyman-sexton & joiner to make necessary preparations for burial.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 28.. Respecting the weather-see preceding page-near bottom- Cut up corn A.M. chiefly by father & G.P.-P.M. funeral was attended at Wid. Kent's- Mr. Hooker kindly attended & though his auditors were few gave a very appropriate discourse founded on that portion of Scripture contained in 2d Kings-18" to the 37 th verse of the 4th Chap. E. Fay & wife-old Mrs Norton & some others were present- Rode up to the burying ground with G.P. conveying corpse in the same waggon. We assisted at interment-where Mr. Hooker, as usual, returned thanks in behalf of the mourners. H. Waters made the coffin & was very good in rendering every assistance in his power. In the evening perused newspapers- Cows I believe since Monday were daily baited in S. meadow. I see it is set down for Sunday.

THURSDAY, SEP'T 29. Cold-cldy morning-grew more mild-midday- but severity returned at night- Trees on the mountains were powdered this morning- M. 36°-58°-44°- Finished getting potatoes from S. meadow- Would have been a fine crop had the season favored-too dry-mouse eaten & grub eaten.. For this piece reck'd bbls. See Nov 16 or 18-1835- P.M. worked at setting up corn. L. Jewett carried off his dairy to Troy this day- Left word as from S. Southworth-clerk of C. Brown to have us cask & deliver our cheese in Troy next week. This order about delivery made us surmise strange notions as to what B. could mean by it- So to satisfy ourselves-wrote a line-stating the bargain as I understood it-of which saved a copy- Requested an immediate reply-We really did not know

but that he would bolt- at any rate supposed there must be a misunderstanding somewhere-

Gov. Tichenor came to hire Mrs Wrisley to keep house for him- Bargained to have her commence on Tuesday next.

Mrs Harwood accomp'd Mrs W. on foot up Street doing errands.

FRIDAY) SEP'T 30. Very cold & unpleasant-clouds smoothed up for rain-P.M. but the came none here- Merc. 34°-71°- in sun at noon- 44°- at night.

Corn all finished cutting & stooking- Good crop for the season- See May 12- Waggon riggs for transporting casks from Fuller's- Egg potatoes mostly dug-growing in garden- Dr. N. Swift visited mother professionally this morning- Tho't times extraordinary- money scarce-prices of everything high- Sent letter to Williamstown. 2332 lbs cheese made this month- 247 do less than in 1835.

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SATURDAY, OCT 1st. S. wind-growing warmer of course-Merc. 46°-62°-56°-

Geo. & Hopkins go to Fuller's & return with 20 casks- remainder to be done by Thursday next- Requested more stuff- See April 30.

Father found himself in full employment principally digging potatoes in the garden- I was measured by T. Davis for surtout & vest- Saw friend Southworth a few moments in his office- Spent short time at Booth Dewey & Co's-present Eldad Dewey & others- Jour'l Commerce Price Current dated cheese to be worth \$8 a \$9 1/2- Money market getting easier- money becoming more plenty- Date of paper 28th ult- Returned home in due season for chores- Many casks weighed & mark'd- Rec'd line from S. Southworth-for C. Brown-making all faire-nothing to do respecting transportation of our dairy- Bargain good & well defined.. These, however, are not his words. Inferences are correct. Not essential whether the cheese be casked next or the week after. Brown at New York. Mind at rest.

SUNDAY, OCT 2d. Furious S.W. wind-blows up rain- by 1/4 past 2. Let me halt to make mention that yesterday called at the hat store of J. & D Cushman & rec'd a silk hat for my father with the privilege of returning it should it not suit- Price \$4- Also was informed that during my absence Buckley Squires & lady called to engage butter - No engagement- they saw the dairy-had not been here together for many a year- the latter but few times since her marriage in Jan'y 1814- The rain was the greatest known since the last of June & forepart of July- held on until past sunset- Thermometer indicated 58°-65°-51°-

Father, Geo, Aunt Lydia, Mrs Wrisley & Adeline-all If I rightly recollect (understood it) attend'd public worship. Besides seeing to usual concerns-read a few pages of Abercrombie's Intellectual Philosophy-

a most pleasing work, in my humble opinion.

MONDAY, OCT 3. After a cool frosty morning succeeded a fine day- Merc. 34°-52° 45°- Manure inc cow yards scrapped into heaps by about noon- 38 cheeses put up in 9 casks in the course of P.M.- Mr. Ripley Walker arrives from Hartwick N.Y. Lively & sociable- N.L. Robinson comes down in the evening on money business- Hopkins was sent to T. Davis with cloth for surtout to be cut out for me- Returned silk hat by him-rec'd conditionally on Saturday- Dog Fayett is sick.

TUESDAY, OCT 4. Chill of the morning once off- it was handsome- tho' cold- Late in the day made up for rain- of which there was a slight fall. Merc. 44°-54° 46°- Eleven more casks of cheese put up- 42 cheeses up to Aug 31 remained on shelves. Went personally to Fuller's- waited- say 3 hours- paid \$2 in money- Rec'd 6 casks & came home having two horse team attached to big wagon. Mr. W. gallanted Mrs W. up to Uel Hicks'- returned with her- dined & then started for Greenfield- Me, in 1 h. wagg- Gov. Tichenor came & conveyed to his house Mrs W. & boy according to previous arrangement.

WEDNESDAY, OCT 5.. Cold & rainy from N.E.- high cutting wind mainly from the E. Mercury ranged from 36°- to 42°- perhaps might have run a little higher- There was some snow mingled with the rain- Mountains round- white. Casking & weighing cheeses- the order of the day- Made out 10033 lbs cheese weighed by the Doolittle scale- Finished weighing by candle light- H. Waters' lady & family were br'o down by George Robinson. H.W. having floors painted at home- Came down in the evening himself- stays over night- Cheese of Oct 4 weighs 68 lbs.

THURSDAY, OCT 6. Very unpleasant & stormy- Snow on mountains- harsh winds. Merc. 34°-42°-34°- George goes to Fuller's- returns with 9 casks making up the number to 35- amounting at 25 cs- to \$8.75- to which added for extra hoops 24 cs & 10 more extra price on the 2 last casks in the lot- makes total \$9.09. \$2 having been paid- leaves \$7.09. Casking, weighing & marking (the last almost exclusively by Adeline finished & bill made out & sent by Geo. P. who rode in storm- to the Post Office- There were 30 casks in which were put up 133 cheeses- weighing in full 11459 lbs- which at 9 c- is \$1031.31- add pay for casks \$15- makes it \$1046.31- but from this must be subtracted interest which would nearly reduce it (nearly) to what the cheese exclusively amounts to. Father amused himself in threshing wheat. H. Waters here at night. Married this evening by Rev'd E.W. Hooker Mr. John F. Robinson- son of I.T.R to Miss Jane Emiline- daughter of Samuel Loomis Esqr- S. part Bennington.

Editor, The Journal of the American Medical Association:
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your issue of April 22, 1919, and to thank you for the interest and attention which you have given to the publication of the same. The issue contains a number of articles of interest and value, and I am sure that it will be found to be a most useful and interesting one.

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FRIDAY, OCT 7..

Continued cold-but rather less
so than on the 5th & 6th-Cloudy-
unpleasant- Manchester Mountain very white- Merc.
40°-56°-42°-

To wet for carting manure-therefore the day
was principally spent in getting winter apples-
measuring about 25 bbls. Evening went with G.P.
to E.Village- did business at Davis, Booth & Dewey's,
Weeks's Jun & at Stephen Dewey's- Seeing various
individuals-such as John Murphy, E.D. Waters, Roger
Booth Leonard Godfrey, Erastus Montague &c- Left
with Stephen Dewey Esqr \$3 in money to pay Mutual
Insurance Co. Vt 3 pr cent on Premium Note of \$97.88
to be settled after his return from Montpelier. We
came up meetinghouse hill-rode up to L. Patchin & Co'
where bo't 1 g. molasses at 56 on cr. Geo. looked
at homespun cloth-Bo't none- & came away between
9 & 10- Previous to going to the store saw Miss P.
Thayer-got her to let me up from getting her to
make surtout-no disapp't.

SATURDAY, OCT 8.

Continu'd cldy- changeable chilly
weather-Wd.N. Merc. 42°-50°-44°

Goodly quantity of excellent manure-scrappings of
yards got into S. meadow. J. Rogers & lady & little
boy came here- got 3 bbls apples- Talked much- seem
ed in fine spirits-much joking- Aunt Diadamia & girls
were gallanted home late in the day by Geo.P.-

Two curded cheeses made this day- Rec'd company from
Hoosick- Orville & Ruth Parsons & Miss Rebecca Hill-
Aunt Sarah Robinson put up for the night going round
to get subscribers for her "Records". Said old Mr.
D. Wicks died on some day of the present week-
buried on Thursday- Aaron Burr died Sept 13, 1836.
T.S. Kent moves in with Elihu Wrightt this day.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9.

Dry-really cold- flying clds-
wind N.W.- Merc. 36°-48°-40°

The usual quota of our family turned out to Church
exclusive of Miss Lydia Aunt Sarah drove off in sea-
son to be there. Our Hoosick frienda attended on-
ly half a day- Left for home after supper- I found
entertainment in examining the pages of Abercrombis
when not occupied with newspapers or pen. Hiram
Waters dropp'd a vrief visit late in the day-having
on new coat- snuff brown-valued very highly by him
Sam'l Judd Jun paid his respects to us just at sun-
set. Cheese of Saturday weighed 106 lbs.

Is it out of the way to state that Elihu Wrightt sold
us 2 bbls Buckwheat on Friday? Shall I add
that the price was 75 cents? Mrs S. Harwood by re-
quest march'd to the cow pasture near the S. end of
the upper orch'd & procured a small quantity of
blood root for Mrs H. Parsons-who was said to be in
bad health.

MONDAY, OCT 10.

Cold as winter in the morning-
held so comparatively remainder
of the day-but it was fair- Thermometer 24°-38°-46°
Hopkins was sent off to Walbridge's mill with 7 bbls

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3 3/4 of wheat & 2 buckwheat- getting all gr'd for 62 1/2 cts-pf the miller- I was in expectation of teams from Williamstown to take away cheese. It grew late- felt as if possibly something adverse had turned up. Rode to the P. Office with Hopkins- m letter from Wi'town, but one from Sam H. Kellogg- dated Pittsford, Vt Oct 6, 1836- handsomely addressed to me- requesting in substance that in conjunction with my father- would procure testimoney in relation to his late father's services in the Revolutionary War- particularly while a Lieuten' under the authority of Vermont near the close of said War. Returning from the office came in contact with Dr. N Swift who said he wished to engage of 30 lbs butter- In good natured way refused- he nearly resented it- Said he should go to Boston in this day's stage- Made short halt at store if the late F. Blackmer- Saw commissioners together- likewise judge L. Norton who appeared full of life & animation- remarked that the last night's frost had cut off leaves at no small rate- tho't pork must bring \$10 pr hundred- Cheese at 9" inn- his opinion not proportionably as high. Coming down the road reading my letter from S.H.K- met S.H. Brown on horseback who said he had seen teams going toward our house, presumed for the cheese- so I hurried on & arrived in season to have a hand in assisting at loading..

Capt. Hoxie came with one of those teams & by him was sent the money to pay for the cheese- amounting to \$1035.00- being 14 cents over what was due. For want of change suffered to go until another day- Gave Capt. H. my rec't for the same.

One teamster more greedy than the rest took on 9 casks to be drawn by a single team. The last that came arrived late- Mr. Pettit- carried 5 casks only 5 remained. P.M. had all my money changed at the Bank- from Adams, Ms & Rochester N.Y.- to plain old Bennington- with which took up note of Sept 19th rec'y back 6 cs interest. Mr. Cashier Hinsdill & his friend Blackmer- both present- also Samuel Rockwood and possibly somebody else saw the transaction. For particulars of my cheese bill see Oct 6- Either before or after writing- Bk- visiting Bk- saw & conversed with Geo. Caldwell an old acquaintance- now & for 2 or 3 years last past by marriage with his eldest daughter, Charlotte, the son-in-law of S. Loomis Esqr- residing when at home in a hard Indian named town Allegany Co., N.Y. of which spoke well- Left with cousin N. L. Robinson \$7/09 cs according to promise, to pay Mr. Fuller in full for making cheese casks- Saw Capt. D. Robinson Jun. who spoke highly of the late preaching of our Rev'd friend E.W. Hooker- Call'd him a practical Moral Preacher.

In the evening took up my \$456 note held by Geo. P. Harwood- given frist of March last- Interest amounted to \$16.72- added to the other- gives \$472.72- Advanced \$44 more on his present term of employment with- back of 18 cs int. Making total \$516. 54.

Wound up the evening reading "Ladies Own Book".

TUESDAY, OCT 11.

Very severe morning- cldy- chilly & rather unpleasant, Merc. 26°-42°

Geo. was in the employment of Elohu Wright-cutting
 up corn on Monday & this day- Hopkins finishes
 pulling beans & works for himself the remainder of
 the day- Started out with father to look up witness-
 es for Wid. Kellogg- Saw Col. Norton digging potatoes
 in his old garden. Knew that Amos Kellogg belonged
 to Warner's Regiment-latterly promoted to a Lieuten-
 ancy in the State Service but not intimately & per-
 sonally acquainted. so as to give as strong testi-
 mony as might be desired. Concluded on going to
 see Mr. Silas Walbridge- Previous to engaging in
 other business left at the residence of Hiram Waters'
 \$200- to let with use until first of March-including
 blank note which he afterwards signed & sent me.
 Left also at U.M. Robinson's for G.P. Harwood \$500-a
 accompanied by blank note to be out in one year-
 interest semiannually- signed jointly & severally
 by U.M.R. & his cousin John S. afterwards & return-
 ed by me to sd G.P. We proceeded to E. Village-
 would go no farther on account of the funeral of
 Sa, Lawrence's wife- which was to be attended at
 the Centre Meetinghouse this P.M. While father
 stopp'd at the store of J. Nort & Co' visited & paid
 Mr. Peck in full \$1.45 for runnets & meat- See Day Bk
 Mr. P. shewed me an extensive yard of Mulberry shrubs
 lately grown-numarous & doing well. By invitation
 of Isaac Doolittle signed Rail Road Petition to
 present Legislature of Vermont in favor of laying
 out proceeds of Surplus Revenue in building R. Road
 in the Western section of the State. Saw Mr. Davis
 respecting coat-to be done by Thurs. Evng. next.
 Signed petition at store of D.B. & Co-or B.D. & Co-
 Come up to meetinghouse-funeral procession after
 awhile arrived- father attended service. I went to
 Weeks'- saw in Western Stage the lady of E.W. Swift
 starting for the South-husband to follow on the
 morrow- Charles Swift & his mother in the same coach
 going to Troy- thence to N.Y.- Spent time at Sanf'd
 B & Co's- settled acc't with J. Ogden in full-paying
 him \$3.85- Rather suspicious his charge for making
 & ironing sett whippletrees-2 single, 1 double-\$3-
 was too high- Did not think in season to question
 him suring settlement. Settled small acc't at
 store of the late F. Blackmer-52 cs only- M. Scott
 balanced books in full- Called for Adeline at H.
 Waters' & came home- Arrived here Theodosia-wid. of
 the late Ira Harwood & her son Albert G. Harwood from
 the West. Mr. Mosher pr orderr from C. Brown gets the
 last 5 casks cheese.

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WED OCT 12. Long to be remembered on account
 of the distressing snow storm
 which occurred at this date-Many trees of the for-
 est retained green leaves- but the snow did not fall
 as heavy nor did it in any manner operate as inju-
 riously as on the 9th Oct-1804- Thermometer indicat-
 ed- morning-33°-Noon-42°- Evng-33°-.

Cows foddered in the morning-bowed up & foddered
 about 3 P.M. as if it had been winter. The last of
 the wheat is threshed. Father takes cold-retires to

his room & peruses Vt. Gazette of the 11th.- Elihu Wright paid us short visit- viewed the Savage cow which had been badly hooked in the (left) right side thought she possibly might recover.

There was put in press a large two curded cheese gave assistance at making it. Albert G. Harwood want to Sam'l Robinson Esqr's- Cows give but little milk. Mrs Waters is brought down & conveyed home again- worked on gown for mother.

THURSDAY, OCT .13. Every appearance of winter- ground covered with from 4 to 6 inches depth snow- S.W. wind blew up & carried off most of it- Roads muddy- Merc. 33°-48°-50°- Father & Geo. P. did up threshing wheat of which in all there were about 9 bbls- for this year- Added some oats to their thrashing. I drove to Hiram Barton's Esqr.- Saw the old gentleman on his shoe bench in good health- mentioned storm of 1804 as being more severe than the last. Made a sort of settlement with his son for tanning 2 small calfskins- to be paid, that is, the whole bill- \$2.97 in green hides of which wngaged him all we should have the present season. to be deliv'd in E. Village- Drove by the old Niles place to Mr. Dyer's- Skins of last spring not finished- when done would forward them accomp'd by bill & estimation of the value to Forbes'- Centre Village- Bennington- Came by N. Bennington to Hinsdillville- Called on B.W. Jackson for settlement- could not attend to it- busy in building- working himself on frame- would have his acc't ready for me on first call- So came off in haste- Called for boots at the mill- not done- One of George Norton's grandson's, son of Elijah rode with me to Pliny Dewey's bars beyond the old Bliss place- from the Walbridge mill- About 12 years old- living with Capt. P. Dewey- his twin mate employed in factory- E. Village. Savage cow in great distress.

FRIDAY, OCT 14. Rainy all the morning- Snow mostly carried off- Remainder of the day moderate & Cldy- Thermometer 46°-50°-54°- Geo. was sent post haste for Dr. Sam'l Robinson who came & administered efficacious medicines to the wounded cow- opened said side wound & cleared it of as much matter as he well could- sewed up the same- leaving orders how to proceed hereafter. He performed more than I have specified- for all which he deserves pay in full- & I am pretty sure will get it. The beast appeared much relieved. A few oats were thrash'd out. Cousin Nathan came down to inform him of the return of an Irish woman on his hands as keeper of town's poor..

Hiram Waters & Jacob Brooks came down early in the evening- viewed cheeses &c- The former put in for a supply of sweet apples- engaged all we should have to spare-

SATURDAY, OCT 15.. Tolerably pleasant- had rained in the night from S.W. caused the roads to be very muddy- Cloudy- wind W- came

from S.W. at night-Merc. 46°-50°- & thereab'ts. Started with father for Silas Walbridge's- heavy wheeling-nearly sick of the journey. Met Mr.W. at the store of J.Norton & Co- found by conversing with him a few moments that he would be an important witness in the Kellogg case- Said he would attend at almost any time when wanted. Came back to the Centre meetinghouse where my father alighted & went to H.Waters- I went up the hill-found Gen^l H.Robinson-made him acquainted with the business-gave the letter of S.H.Kellogg to him & agreed to have him go on & take the depositions of Col.Norton & Mr.W- make out his bill for paying witnesses & his own fees for which I would satisfy him in full- Would go to Troy on Monday- would attend to the business on Wednesday. Returned home with father about noon. P.M. Geo. Adeline & Hopkins went to Hinsdillville- A. traded about 52 cs worth-paid- Geo. effected but little business at Jackson's- Acc't not ready for settlement- would make Hopkin's boots next week. Last evening Geo, Self & Hopkins went to E.Village on foot-got rolls at Voluntine's paid 21 1/2 cs for carding. Geo. bo't of V. 3 yds full'd cloth for everyday wear. This day cousin Albert G. visited Mt.Anthony. Didn't quite finish the acc't of our night visit to E.Village- Got surtout at Davis'-fitted well-paid him for extra trimmings-for want of (want-of) change paid him 13 cents too much- to be handed over on another day- Am't of extra trimmings was 63 cents.

SUNDAY, OCT 16. S W wind blew up uncomfortably chilly- bro't on rain by 1 or 2 P.M. lasted only short time- Wind hauled round to W. or N.W.- Seemingly bringing up fair weather. There was a white frost in the morning-Mercury at about 44°-50°- & neighborhood. Father, Geo., aunt L. & Adeline went to meeting- Mr.Hooker preached on the remissness of his parishioners in regard to attending Public Worship- Was said to have done it smartly too. Cousin A.G. went up the Mountain this morning & returned very shortly with lost property which a few hours before he had entirely given up as irrecoverably gone. The sick cow seemed was supposed to be doing as well as could be expected. Cousin(G.P.) Albert G. addressed a letter to his friends in Wheatland N.Y.

MONDAY, OCT 17.. White frost- S.W. Wd-then P.M. furious blasts from W- & N.W. clouds appeared some likely to give rain-but broke away without any of any am't- Grew cold in the evening- Therm'r 37°-56°-50°-42°- Making cheese & getting apples, the order of the day- Warren^x Sibley joined father, Geo & Hopks-P.M. Cousin Albert G. was off up street & at uncle Sam's- I conveyed aunt Theodosia thither tow'd night- Coming home called on N.L.Robinson agreed to call at his house tomorrow morning & take him & L S Patchin passengers to

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Troy- L.S. Patchin present-Came home and assisted in preparation for Troy- calculating myself to accompany N.L. to New York.

Story of this trip in small volume written Oct 12, 1834 to Oct 24, 1836

MONDAY, OCT 24.. Fair-warm-Mercury past noon- 67°-62°- at night- Returned from visit at N.Y. about noon- having taken Stage in Troy at about 3 A.M. all remarks relative to the tour are to be found either in writing or pencil mark in small handbook which I carried with me expressly for that purpose. Was informed that since my departure the weather had been very rough & unpleasant- particularly on the 20th. Family in usual health-Business had gone on without interruption- Warren Sibley had rec'd employment daily-Cousin Albert G. served 2 days while G. was gone to Troy- Of the articles purchased there a schedule-is given in Day Book-p/50. The forward axle of the 2 horse wagg-was broken near the completion of the jaunt- Since repaired by J.Ogden & bro't home this or next day.

TUESDAY, OCT 25. One of the coldest days ever seen at this season. Fair with increasing severe N.W. wind- Merc. 23°-34°-30°- Waggon having been bro't home-P.M. some ploughing was performed in the S. meadow-potatoe ground 1836- I was an assistant at ploughing. Father & Hopkins thrashed beans & husk'd corn. Cheese put in press too. In the eveg. read good Letter from Sweden by Americanus- Very drowsy- Cows all stabled at night.

WEDNESDAY, OCT 26. Very cold morning-rather more moderate remainder of the day than on Tuesday- Cloudy from W & N.W. Merc. 20°-42°- in sun at noon- 30°-at night. Ground roughly frozen, Corn all safely stored in the old barn-that is, what remained unhusk'd- Husking was the chief employment I believe, afternoon. With lady & daughter visited store of S.Hinsdill-N.Edgerton, W.Hinsdill, W.Webb & others present. Bo't good to am't of \$21.40- but by mistake on the part of W Hinsdill-reckoned at \$22.30 Paid by me- Discovered afterwards & all made correct. The chief article was 7 3/4 yds full cloth which was set down to me only at 7-at \$1.50- The next was 8 tumblers with handles attached-at 11 cs- On return called at N.L.Robinson's & at gen'l Henry Robinson's-the gen'l gone to Troy- Spent the evening at writing.

The old dog Fayette-once the property of Hiram Wallace-having voluntarily entered our service in the Spring of 1828 when his former master removed to Litchfield Conn, was now sick unto death-reduced to a skeleton-could eat nothing-on the contrary often seen vomiting. But in spite of his consumptive habit he had a great desire to be with us in the field & on Tuesday caught & killed many mice as we were getting in corn from the stook- I said on Tuesday-no it was on this day he took the mice. This dog

was once forcibly conveyed to Litchfield in compliance with the request of his old master- afterwards made his escape & returned alone from sd. place- in about 2 weeks- Supposed to have been few hours coming from Litchfield.

THURSDAY, OCT 27.. Pretty generally fair- more mild than on 26th- Merc. 21°-26°-42°-28°- Old rails from the section where Bates' built wall in Sept- wagon'd home by father & Hopkins- Cheese put in press- Old cider emptied out of barrels into hh'd for the sake of providing casks for storing new cider shortly to be made. P.M. as many butter- nut roots as conveniently could be were drawn from the vicinity of an old stump of that sort of timber. in the N. meadow near the lane. Cousin Albert waited upon aunt Sarah on visit- She drove home alone Evening a Lecture was given by Rev'd W.W. Hooker, G.P. , Albert G. Adeline & Hopkins were among the hearers. The poor old dog continued running down lower & lower- started off in the morning to go up in the pasture with Hopkins & team- but finding himself too weak to proceed farther stopp'd short at H. Waters' Red Gate- came back with feeble step to the new barn where he spent most of the day in bed.

FRIDAY, OCT 28. Severe morning- cldy up eveg for rain- Merc. 16°-44°- Sods were taken away from banks of late made ditch in S. meadow & deposited in the bed of the old brook where it formerly ran. A great many mice were disturbed of which a large proportion were killed by our young dog "Sport" whose cunning management was truly amusing & well worth noticing. P.M. father & G. went to Friday meeting. I followed on foot in order to take part in another meeting which was notified to convene at the meetinghouse- at 3 P.M.- subsequent to the other. Called a moment at H.W.'s- F. Meeting soon out- Father & G. went home & I attended the Cong Society meeting just alluded to. Few present- most of whom were appointed to office Dr. N. Swift, Pres A Robinson Vice President, & 3 Trustees one of whom was Sam. Chandler, P. Isham- Treasurer- W.S. Southworth SecY. No business of importance was transacted because no report could be obtained from the former board of Trustees. Some talking was done by gen'l Henry Robinson & P. Isham- Dr. Swift & others. Adjourned two weeks from this day. Among those attending were- A. Hubbell Esqr, A.L. Hubbell, A.L. Hubbell, Perez Harwood Esqr, Rev'd E.W. Hooker, S. Chandler. Visited the store of N.L. Robinson- settled small acc't by paying 14 cts- balance due on tea & saleratus- which together amounted to 89 cs out of which was subtracted 75 cs for ride to Troy. L.S. Patchin being present- settlement for the same was effected with him. He presented an item of 21 cs taken up by Adeline which reduced my demand to 54 c- which he cashed on the spot. His lady was there & spoke with me as usual. Walked over to L. Patchin & Co's and settled an acc't of \$2.31- the items of which can be seen in Day B. 46, 48, 51 pages- Took receipt. Came home about dark

heard report of gun which Elihu Wright discharged at the honest old dog Fayette-whose case had become so desperate as to require the performance of a deed so humane. He expired without a groan or struggle. He was from 10 to 12 years of age- Large & well proportioned-color mainly black-with handsome marks about the head, nose & breast-possessed good courage except when guns were fired-then he would go away for a day or two- His bark was eloquent beyond description. See Oct. 26.

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SATURDAY, OCT 29. Flying clds-very rough-unpleasant, but dry-Wd. N.W- Mercury 30°- 39°- had been something over 40°- Garden sauce got in. Husking attended to. Self & Albert G. off to mill leaving between 2 & 3 bbls buckwheat to be ground by James Harwood- Visit Hinsdill's- William had ~~the~~ discovered mistake & rectified it- Call on Jackson-not ready for settlement- Tells me my purchase of sole-leather-as Troy was a bad one- Would rec'd back G's boots & replace them with a pair that would fit. Wenton foot to Fuller's-would make or alter a cask on Monday next. Returned to Walbridge's-grist not done- Came away without it. Halted at uncle S. Robinson's- Staid but few moments- After arrival in the Street saw a load of flour drive up to L. Patchin & Co's-bro't by Geo. Norton Jun'r who reported it worth \$9 1/2 in Troy- Patchin said the price here would be \$10.12 1/2. Got home in season to husk a little- Albert G. went to H. Waters' to spend the night. Gen'l H. Robinson had done nothing in relation to the business entrusted to his care on the 15th. Jona. Rogers' little boy died on the 27th.

SUNDAY, OCT 30. Continued very wintry-Wind blowing very strong from N.W. Mercury 28°-in morning-32°-at night. Wrote much as usual- Commencing with new bull pen & blue ink bo't at Carville's-N.York- Father, Geo, aunt Lydia & Adeline went to Church & in consequence of the long sermon of Mr. H. Reed came home late. Hopkins waited upon aunt Theodosia to Mr. Jona. Hunt's.

MONDAY, OCT 31. Dry, fair & cold- Merc. 14°-38°-27° Father & G.P. rode away in 2 horse wag- had 5 bbls rye ground at Walbridge's mill. for cows- Did errand respecting boots at B.W. Jackson's Had cheese cask which we rec'd without heading or if it had any-very bad ones -of M. Huntinggon-had it fix'd over by Fuller for 21 cts- paid on the spot- Called on Miss P. Thayer & paid for making vest & pantaloons for Hopkins \$1.33 Self & Hopks were manily employed at husking corn Geo. Robinson accompanied by his friend Shaw, came down & took measure of kitchen door preparatory to making a new one-by order of H. Waters'- Last cheese made this month was put in press. Though the fact could not be ascertained under this date, yet for convenient reference will record the quantity of cheese made during the month-which was- 1663 lbs, being 243 less than was made in Oct. 1835.- Pasturage remarkably

dried up-Season most unusually cold. On the 2d of Nov measured thickness of ice formed in a large reservoir of rain-water-standing N. side of a building & found it from 5 1/2 to 6 inches. Commenced writing a long letter to the lady formerly known by the name of Adeline Stone- now amiable consort of Mr. Russell Palmer-formerly of N. Branford-at present residing in New Haven, Conn. Was under the impression until near the conclusion, that they were of the former place- William Potter talk'd of buying the Savage cow-for which asked \$15.-

TUESDAY, NOV 1st Very fine-pleasant-much warmer than for many days heretofore-Merc. 18°-65°- in sun at noon-38°-at night. Thirty September cheeses casked. Attempted weighing with scale beam of Dr. N. Swift 6 casks, of which would only weigh 3, & those not accurately. George went to Rockwood's oil mill, procured Doolittle's-weighed off cheese in the evening-amount being lbs 2178, which at 9 cs would bring the sum of \$196.02 add for 6 casks \$3-making total \$199.02 but from it must be subtracted about \$1.50 cs interest & also 14 cs overpay on first bill reducing it to, say, \$197.38. First bill cheese lbs 11459 to which add 2d-lbs 2178 & it gives a totaa of lbs 13637-coming to about the sum of \$1217.24 exclusive of pay for casks which were nearly swallowed up in the interest-there remaining a balance of a fraction over \$5. In the evening made out bill to forward by mail to Brown- then finished out a long letter to cousin Adeline of New Haven-enquiries being made respecting all the former acquaintances and neighbors of my lady in North Branford. Stated also the death of the little boy of Jonathan Rogers on the 27th ult, in the 4th year of his age- It was a scrofulous complaint that carried him off. His name was Albert. Elihu Wright had in his service, Hopkins, horses & waggon about half the day conveying garden sauce & to E. Village. Father was there a good while getting clothes cut out at Davis'- Dined at Mr. D's. Deacon E. Fay carted wood to Mr. Hooker past here. Ann Brown came down from H. Waters' having with her Lydia Sophia Mrs Kent also came over & gave interesting particulars of the wedding lately celebrated at A. Hubbell's Esqr's whose daughter Catherine (youngest) was married to Rich'd Smith Esqr-Atty at Law-on the evening of this day. I am entering these occurrences on Friday the 4th at night & when beginning with Mrs K supposed she related facts already transpired-but I was mistaken. Lent old ox cart to Safford Robinson who came personally for it-visited mother.

WEDNESDAY NOV 2. Mildest day seen for two weeks-clouded over however apparently for rain. Late in the eveg grew cold. Observed Thermometer only morning & eveg-Former 22°-latter 42°-Geo. conveys both scales to the proper places & letters of the past evening to the Post Office at an early hour. Orchard cleared of fruit to such

extent as to prevent the cows from surfeiting themselves therewith. One load transported to P. Dewey's cider-mill- a part of the next stored in stable for feeding beef cattle- remainder suffered to be in waggon under shed over night. Adeline goes with aunt D Waters, Ann Brown & the 2 little girls of H. Waters- to visit the Burts & Judds of Shirkshire- all well- Old Isaac had lately absconded from wife & family to parts unknown- His wife felt quite uneasy respecting it.

Cheese casks, were after a fashion marked & lettered by me.

THURSDAY, NOV'R 3d. How cold-how rough, how unpleasant. Steady puff N.W. wind. Cloudy-gloomy- Thermometer standing at about 34°- nearly the day out-falling only one degree just before sun set. Geo. & Hopkins completed ploughing potatoes patches & a part of the garden. Husking corn was attended to by father & me- the former sawed up a quantity of old rails- being anxious to save as much wood as possible. Paid Henry Warren in full for work at wall in Sept. 20 cts for labor & 0/9 for getting drill sharpened.

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NOV. 5TH, CONTINUED.

Geo. & Hopkins have business at Dr. H. Swift's, Gov Tichenor's & elsewhere. Hear the gov. relate a long account of the good cider made in New Jersey- formerly sold at \$10 pr bbl. Returned with N.Y. Spect of Oct 24 & 28 & Vt G- Nov 1- In the list of County Officers was the name of Hiram Harwood J. of the P. Benningt'n- Legislature must be a set of silly fellows to make such improper selections. No for this town- 32- John Norton, Sheriff-

Benajah Potter, brother of William- comes to view the Savage cow- seemed to think favorably of her- said his brother would come down to see her once more.

FRIDAY, NOV. 4 Cloudy as the 3d- less wind- 3 or 4 degrees warmer- Ther'm standing at 30°-39°-32°- Geo. & H. made an unsuccessful attempt at cider making- Press not ready- Judge Stephen & Capt, Heman Robinson still employed there. Returned after leaving casks, a few apples & some straw- & attended to husking which otherwise was the main employment. Father P.M. went to Friday meeting- terribly oppressed with cold- had not suffered so much in seven years. Shaved half my beard off & let the rest go for farther opportunity- had bad chance to see- table- S. end kitchen- in use. Rec'd company late in the day- Mr. Paterson & lady from Stockbridge- via Albany & Troy- & Mrs Mary Ann Sears. They arrived eveg. of the 3d. Conversation interesting & lively respecting absent friends & relatives. Uncle Ephraim Taylor slowly failing under the corroding influence of an incurable cancer- his lady much reduced by age & disease.

SATURDAY, NOV 5..

Cloudy, calm & comparatively mild-Wd.N.W. Merc.about 28°- in the morning-29°-at night- Great relief to sufferers from severe weather to see such as prevailed this day- and that too in ordinary seasons would have been thought full tough enough. Geo. Hopks & self by going through the usual manieuvres obtained from about 40 bbls apples 4 bbls good cider at the mill & press of capt P.Dewey- Laid our app. cheese right a-top of one built by capt.H. Robinson who had had sufficient time for extracting a due quantity of the pure juice & if not done it was his own fault. After we had nearly finished laying up-he came on to effect more screwing-a hand being with him-but seeing himself fairly excluded-said little & good humoredly withdrew. Mr. Jona. Hunt called to solicit the favor of having a small heap of apples, which no doubt had lain there many days, ground with ours- but we told him no-it was not at all convenient-so away he went/ We left, after sunset, having willed our chance to Hiram Waters who by cutting down the cheese & screwing smartly over Sunday might obtain 2 bbls additional. We had merely gone through the first pressing- Found time to visit stores- Bo't at the old Blackmer place 1 quire Ames' stamp, plain Letter Paper for which paid 33 cs- Mr.H.Scott, clerk- P.M. called on N.L.Robinson who sold me 50 lbs Cuba Coffee-for \$6.63-only adding transportation to the N.Y. price- the am't to be endorsed on stove note which was in my hand-due 25th.inst.-given 1 year previous to sd. date-running 2 months with interest- Shewed Porto Rico sugar-100 lbs for \$12 1/4- to be endorsed on note aforesaid- told him would think of it & look about- Saw his brother-in-law Jefferson Albro who seemed to think something of going shortly to the City of N.Y. to pay his addresses to a certain widow there- I spoke favorably of her so far as a slight acquaintance would warrant. There was present our old friend Major Ira Haynes-pretty full of liquor & Jacksonism- Related how he succeeded in finding a guinea, 25 ct piece & perhaps more for an old pensioner present with him. The money was by accident dropped in the road-done up in a piece of brown paper. The man's name was told me but I cannot recollect it- Was 14 years of age at the time of Bennington Battle in which I understand he had a hand. His nativity was near the scene of it-was at the taking of Cornwallis &c- I called at L.P.& Co's Saw & inspected a lot of choice Buck Skin mittens- price \$1.12 1/2. Selected & laid aside a pair for consideration. Henry H.Robinson present. Returned to the cider press-assisted at screwing-Soon after all hands rode up in the waggon- Rec'd coffee at N.L's-sack to be returned-Looked at sugar again- Looked also at other articles- All went over to L.P & Co's--Geo. & self after mature deliberation selected, bo't & paid for \$2 for 2 pairs those mittens above mentioned. Paid for G's out of my own money & charged the same to him- P.L.Robinson seemed to have good business with some lady customers to whom

he put off his merinos, Circassians &c-freely- Some fine pieces of Madder Red Flannels were examined- set at 3/0, 3/9 & 4/0 according to wuality. Inspected sugars. Good Porto Rico at 11 1/2 cs & first rate St. Croix at 12 1/2 by the hundred & cask to put it in. Made no contract- Saw Isaac Rice, James Story, David Ruttenburr & others. Came down to the cider press-screwed enough to fill the 4th cask. loaded cider & arrived home after dark. Spent the eveg. writing Jour'l. Father in the forepart of the day took the letter of S.H. Kellogg-rec'd Oct 10 which had been in the hands of gen'l H. Robinson from the 15th up to yesterday, awaiting his action, but he backed out- I repeat-father carried sd letter to Wm.S. Southworth Esqr, who having court or courts to attend to this day- would early next week see Mr. Walbridge, get his testimony & have it ready to forward to Mr. K. forthwith. Returned & spent his time at useful labors as usual. Nothing heard from C. Brown Esqr or clerks- Perhaps he too as well as hundreds of other business men were reaping the pinching benefits of the famous Treasury Order of last Summer. Capt D. Robinson Jun'r rode a little was with us as we came down from Court H. Hill but nothing was said touching politicks or butter- the latter now well worth 25 cts pr lb. Saw Et L.P. & Miss Chapin, Ballard's assistance, with horse blanket shawl over her dress. Sd shawls were exhibited here for sale. Very popular at this time.

SUNDAY, NOV 6. Little alteration in the weather- Some flakes of snow were flying late in the morning- Certain parts of the Green Mountains which were more elevated than others were covered with snow. Gloomy-cloudy-not so but that the sun peeped through a few times. In the Spect. of Sept 12 saw an article depicting the miserable condition of the King & Royal Family of France, being in constant dread of the assassination of the former. Wrote not a little- Broke new silver spectacle bows about the right extremity. Father, G. Adeline M & Hopkins went to Church. Mr. Hooker read a letter from his brother-in-law Rev'd Mr. Eli Smith dated at ~~(Beyroot)~~ Smyrna-in July-Had suffer'd shipwreck Thermometer 25°-46°-36°- Third cheese in Nov. put in press.

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Cold morning-fine day-Merc. 18°- in morn- 38°- at night. Called up at 4 o'clock on account of boiling cider-business of my father most of the day. Geo. finished husking corn & commenced house banking. Rode up to the Village with Adeline & Hopkins-The former goed to H. Waters'- The latter gets mare shod & neck yoke altered at S. Chandler's. H. Waters' felt highly pleased with the result of his labors at the cider press over Sunday- quantity of cider being obtained being 1 bbl sound & upw'd 1/2 do-water cider. Gov. Tichenor came on to improve his chance at the mill-

Told me our cider was ruined by building the cheese on that of capt. Heman- whose apples were windfalls, refuse, ill flavored fruit. I laughed & let all go as he said. He was wide awake respecting the Presidential Electoral election- hoped my father would be up-answered him he would. Rec'd from him & Ho. H. Hall copies of Resolutions & doings of late Whig, State, Convention at Montpelier in an Extra paper published at that place Oct 25. Conversed with said Hall near the house of L. Patchin Esqr concerning the Treasury Order &c &c Visited the Grocery of N.L. Rob- thence go to Gazette office-examine book make sale of 1 bbl cider- Return to N.L.'s- purchase 4 bbls Troy flour at \$9.50 market price with the addition of 40 cts transportation making a bill of \$39.60 paid down. To enable me so to do, borrowed of P.L. Robinson \$24. which was refunded to him before sunset. Cousin N. said he would not sell so after 1 o'clock P.M. previous to which he should have otherwise procured money to take up his note in Bennington Bk. Returned to H. Waters' - Dinner nearly ready- While waiting read an excellent piece in a copy of the old Spect. publish'd in 1785 in London, on the propriety & almost necessity of appearing in public above our circumstances in order to acquire due respect from our fellow beings. Alvin Rider enjoyed a seat at table. Severed limbs from body of the appletree standing near the S.E. corner of H. Waters' dwelling, by order of the owner- it was in his opinion doing essential injury to his eaves troughs in depositing leaves &c Hopkins too as well as Adeline partook of the meal aforesaid. After dinner rode again up the Hill- Bo't 3 lbs St. Croix Sugar & 1 lb peper at L.P. & Co's for 50 cs-pd & 2 lbs Raisins of N.L. Robinson pd into 4 cs- John S. Robinson wanted bbl cider at \$1.50 With his cask and that of Ell't Hills in the name of John C. Haswell, getting also 1 lb O.H. Tea of N.L. Robinson- 76 cs paid- having besides in the morning settled with capt. P. Dewey for use of cider press in full- came home accomp'd by Hopkins. Boys afterwards went up with cider delivered as pr contract in their own casks, paid fraction due N.L.R for tea & returned with the flour Adeline visited with her young female friends, E & S Robinson & L Burton & E Blackmer at S. Scott's- Mrs C Nicholls was also of the party. Father & self had milking all to ourselves.

TUESDAY, NOV 8.

Continued remarkably fine-Merc. 31°- 40°-at night. Borrowed five of Elihu Wright in the morning. He felt disinclined to attend the Electoral Election-neither would his friend Kent (be there)-so it made no difference as the former would go Whig-the latter Van Buren. About noon rec'd visit from my old friend Levi Jewett who related some particulars respecting the horse he recently lost by being most cruelly cut with a knife or other sharp instrument while tied under the shed of landlord Myers of Pownal, on a certain evening while he attended a

Justive Court as a witness in a suit between Willard Bates & a brother of sd. landlord-author as he presumes of the nefarious deed. Levi wished me to furnish him with the old School Oct of 1821- Could not find it- We walked together up to the meeting- Boys follow'd in the 2 h.wagg-conveying 1d of soft corn in the ear from Elihu Wright's to H.Waters. Levi vowed vengeance against the Myers' for the assassination of his horse. Meant by some means or other to bring them up for it. Father came up in the waggon. Of course we voted the Whig ticket-which comprised the following names-Jabez Proctor, Sam Swift, David Crawford, Zimri Howe, Titus Hutchinson, Wm. A.Griswold & Ed. Lamb..

Rec'd payment in full on cow note given 12th Ap '1 last-pr E Fillmore, \$15.52, at L.Patchin & Co's P.L.Robinson cast the interest.

Saw very many persons with whom was acquainted- conversed with a few among whom was our friend Elisha Pool chiefly on dairying- Mr.Harmon had not sold yet. One of the smart young men of the day with pretty fair establishment came near driving over me as I stood in front of Bailey's busily engaged in conversation. Capt. Stephen Robinson stood close by & afterwards remarked that the pole came within a little of taking me in the back- Miss is as good as a mile- Let me take warning hereafter-& let drivers too be more careful.

In the evening by the hand of cousin Albert G. who came down from Saff'd Robinson's rec'd a letter from Caleb Brown Esqr-Bated this day-mainly stating that my Bill Cheese had come to hand-meant to have sent on that day- but teams were so busily employed in transporting cheese in that vicinity-could not-should send for it next week. This eased my mind for I was at a loss why he either did not write or send for the cheese. Felt afraid that he might be in trouble for want of the "Ready"- Presume he was. Adeline entertained company as follows- Est. & S Robinson, L.Burton, L.Bigelow, E.Blackmer, A.G.Merrill & Ann Brown-All respectable ladies-no gentlemen. In Spect.of Oct 31-Mr.Woodbury took it- Hardly as much to blame as was set forth by Mr.Stone in my humble opinion. tho' to be sure in these money affairs, must confess myself a very child. I believe the Treasury Order was a foolish wicked measure. On Monday Evng. raad the Resolutions & Address of Whigs at Montpelier-With a few exceptions-would pronounce them good. Not quite so much straining on the vote of Van B. last session in the Senate- not much if any to blame for that- But I don't wish him President.

Boys in great preparation for Troy.Chiefly for plaster & sugar.

WEDNESDAY, NOV 9.. Cold morning-fine day- Could see thick black streak off N. just above the horizon-portending storm of some kind Merc. 22°-50°-37°- Up early-& boys, after due preparation, were off at about 6. Father performed good days work at house banking. I visited office off W.S

Southworth- David Love doing Sheriff business with him-

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Mr.L. rejoiced at Whig success-
Hoped the news from Woodford might prove true- It was a wonder to him, considering the kind of characters which constituted the Jackson-V.B. party, why there should be as many Whigs in Bennington as there were. The majority of yesterday was but 38- which was not a fair representation of the parties as they actually stood. Mr.L. afterwards related in general way his management of private concerns-always kept everything about correct- having no lawsuits nor disputes about dealing- If Peradventure he made a losing bargain kept it totally from his wife with whom he entrusted very few secrets touching his affairs. I mention'd that when I had got into a twist of that nature, my weakness caused me to disclose it for the sake of getting help to bear up under my troubles. His sense of humanity & the folly of being caught in bad bargains sometimes made him adopt a contrary course. Amongst writs given out.. was one for our cousin Henry Harwood-The why & wherefore-did not enquire-understood the amount to be \$30- Mr.L. having withdrawn-introduced again the Kellogg Pension business-Mr.Walbridge came down and being about to be sworn, Mr.Southworth for the sake of making the business better understood produced the letter of Samuel H. which after perusal (produced) confirmed him in his resolution not to make oath to what he knew, because it would clash with that already obtained. Mr.S.m, however did not see so much danger from that quarter-tried to reason him out of it, but to no purpose. After viewing books, having once more entrusted the letter to friend S-started on foot for Walbridge's to go & solicit him once more to come to the office of S. there to meet gov.Tichenor by whose counsel perhaps he might be induced to give in his testimony. At the gristmill borrowed two newspapers of Mr.Hamlen. The National Intelligencer of Oct 20- & a Foreign Greenock Advertiser of last May in which found many amusing articles. In the former found much on Steam Navigation across the Ocean-en experiment of the kind being shortly to be tried. On arriving at W's saw & made the old gentleman acquainted with my business- He entered very freely into conversation manifesting great regard to the memory of his old military friend-felt willing to do anything in a laaful honorable way to assist his widow in getting the pension granted by Congress last session to widows of the Soldiers of the Revolution, but believed, as he was now impressed, that his testimony might work much injury to himself & surely no good to her. Would, however, on Friday next give attendance at Mr.S's, provided Gov.T should be present to offer advice. Told me the history of his doings in obtaining his pension- Gave Col.Merrill \$20 for drawing up his papers- Told how very wary the

the authorities at Washington had become in regard to applications for pensions. Related some school boy incidents-but was not very well versed in dates- Without going into particulars-learnt from him that he was 77 years of age last June- Went to Ty in 1776 Gov, T, Gen'l Kellogg & himself were Federalists of the old stamp- Was now opposed to Jacksonism-never knew the old hero so near right as when he published his famous State Papers against Nullification. Came home across lots by the old Henry Walbridge, Capt. Lawrence, Smith & Atwood places- arrived here about 5 P.M. found Mrs Street on visit- My early rising caused drowsiness in the evening. At Adams rec'd pr Gates Boots on trial for Adeline- she put them on, but would not fit,

THURSDAY, NOV 10. Continued fair & moderate-Not so very fair either- grew cldy later in the day- Wd. S.W.- White frost in the morning. Merc. 34°-47°- perhaps 50°- 40°-at night. Cousin Henry Robinson called upon & prayed with us this morning in a very rational feeling manner- he was with his brother's U.M.'s horse- Put the beast before our waggon & sent bbl cider to Nathan L. sold to Sam Chandler- delivered to the former pr verbal order at \$1.50 charged to a/c. Father works at apple tree brush- Business caused me to walk up street- Called on Lucy Street to give direction respecting pantaloons- Next visited the house of gov. Tichenor- Saw Sam H. Wrisley- The little fellow began to tell me how he had been sent to the post office for papers- In the kitchen spoke with his mother. Walked into the Gov's room- heard much from him on old & modern affairs- Said he would attend at Southwroth's -on Friday- Could not go today because he had been on a hunting excursion yesterday which caused him a sleepless feverish night. Having ended this interview withdrew by the same way I had entered- receiving invitation from Mrs W to dinner, which did not accept. Spoke to her respecting debt due her- would soon pay- Cross'd over Dr. Swift's foot-bridge- Saw Fire Engine- Called at Sanford & Brown's- Sanford not present- would have paid up bill at Tin Sp. March up the hill- spend some time at John C Haswell's Bookstore reading Baroness Reddessel concerning affairs of gen'l Burgoyne- showing up in unvarnished colors the horrors of War in its mildest operations. Leave for L.P. & Co's- purchase paper British Lustre- for want of change order it book'd- cross over to N.L. Robinson's- purchase 1/4 lb tea in the same way- price 69- Start to go down street- meet with Barnab's Wood- give him summary account of dairying operations. Tells me his age- Born Oct 23 (183) 1781- just 7 yrs older than me. Visit office of John S Robinson- present W Haswell who enquires if I had not got a cow to sell him. Proceeded to give him a description of the one mentioned Oct 14 for which should now require more than \$15- telling him I didn't believe he would buy if he, as he talked, came to see her. Friend John S. in his usual prompt style paid

me \$1.50 in full for 1 bbl cider. Henry Kellogg, H. Hall & Dan'l Huling Esqr came in & let fly some lively jokes on late Election news. The Whigs began to claim Connecticut. Rensselaer Co-V. Buren- Some tho't they heard great guns-but from the sound could not decide to which party they belonged. In returning to the store of L.P. & Co's- met Sam. Fay Esqr who freed his mind on the state of public affairs-adhering firmly to Whig principles. In sd. store found Jesse Loomis Jr & Hiram Scott- Spoke to Gordon Squires, assistant Clk respecting amount of Brit Lustre which now that I had change, wanted to pay-replied 0/9- Told him I had purchased the article at a neighboring store for half the money-handed him a quarter, he giving back 0/9 in change & then after what I said, 6 cs more. Before coming away, feared I might be mistaken, & scorning to be thought small in small things offered to pay back the 0/6, but he refused. My Day B. proved me correct after getting home- P. 34. J.L.'s spoke of my Journal-wishing to know if I used to record the little dancing scrapes that the young folks of his age used to have in our neighborhood- answered affirmatively- L said he should like well to look over the records & would come down sometime for that purpose. Scott too expressed great curiosity to read over sd Jour'l about which had heard so much. I assured him it was very indifferent, same thing over & over-

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Paid N.L. Robinson for $1-1/4$ lb Y H tea-at 17 cts. Came home just as Mrs Street was taking leave. Geo. & Hopkins arrived from Troy- Brought young John Waters, passenger- Going to board with E.D. Waters & attend school at Union Academy- They purchased & bro't home 1600 Plaster at the lower at 7 $1/2$ dolls. pr ton 100 lbs St. Croix sugar of Hiram Smith, fine quality for \$12- Got spectacles repaired for 25 cs &c &c- Had good luck & did well. Benj. R. Sears gave me an invitation to the raising of the frame of his new house on Saty-next- At H. Waters' saw M.A. Sears & her sister Mrs Patterson & little girl of 5 yrs old all she ever had, on visit. The paper relating to affairs between H. Waters & Hon H. Hall were left there Having written much during the evening, became drowsy & gladly retired to rest.

FRIDAY. NOV. 11

Cloudy all day- Rained morning & eveg- Seemed to set in for a big storm. Merc. 49°-morng 54°- evening. Went to the office of W.S. Southworth to know respecting the doings of Mr. Walbridge-Arrived just in time to see Mr. W. who had come down, waited awhile & gone to Weeks' to make some further delay in the hope that gov. T. would come down. Got hom to see Southworth again with whom another appointment was made on Monday next at 1 P.M. Excused myself from not calling on gov. T. this morning by presuming the state of the weather would have forbid his coming

out & thus exposing his health, which when I last saw him was bad- Would give him notice of the above app't- Returned gater boots to Adams- Came again to S's-by permission perused a letter from his brother Gust's-dated on the 6th- chiefly on Matrimony- the first page quite handsomely penn'd-the remainder-not bad. About to commence keeping school for the season in the old native neighborhood, Dorset. As to Election there-the Whigs numbered 120- Van Buren-70 votes. Borrow'd Featherstonhaugh's Geological Report to Congress- Feb-1835- Southworth started for Friday meeting-accomp'd him up to the meetinghouse -where we parted. Went into the store of the late F.Blackmer- Saw capt.P.Dewey & A.Hyde & I believe A.Rob.Esqr- Capt.H. felt elevated on account of recent election returns from Pennsylvania & Conn't favorable to Whigs. Martin K.Scott let me have Spect.of Nov 3- which contained particulars of the dreadful Steamboat disaster which occurred on the 25th Oct about noon- when the steamer "Royal Tar" on the passage from St.John's, New Brunswick, to Portland Me, near Fox Islands or say-2 miles from land, Penobscot Bay-having on board from 90 to 100 passengers of whom several were women & children, Macomber's & Co's, fine Caravan which of course included many fine horses & costly omnibuses, not to mention the elephants & other splendid animals-through ill management in the Engineer department took fire & was destroyed with the loss of 32 lives & a vast am't of property estimated at ab't \$15000- The Elephant was said to have swam to land accomp'd by one of the ponies- Several of the horses also came ashore. The cage animals about all perished. For correct acc't see papers.

Mrs Hunt came up with Theodosia & paid a short visit to our ladies. The cow call'd "Litt Breese" was shot in the head by E.Wright who assisted in dressing her. Geo. head butcher. A cheese of 3 curds was made- That made on the 15th weighed 66 lbs

SATURDAY, NOV 12. During the past nights & mornings a great amount of rain fell more than had been known to fall in the same length of time for many weeks. Cloudy & moderate most of the day-Grew cold in the evening. Merc.49°-60°-56°- sunset. Weighed & sent of beef as may be seen by turning to Day Bk-p.54 at the prices obtained for parts sold she came to \$40.11 cs- Quarters weighed 608 lbs- Hide 69-R.Tall.62- Beef first quality-no fault found by purchasers- Hind Qrs at 6 & Fore Do at 5 cts- Geo. & Hopk's in 2 h.wagg.distributed beef-To Ed.W.Hooker 159- Thos.Davis 157 lbs all at 6 cs. To William Potter 151 do at 5- Lent to H. Waters 46 lbs fore quarter- Remainder put down at home. Wrote acc'ts & cut up tallow. Thought much of the late dreadful steamboat conflagration. In the evening perused Geological Report which although it contained many terms with which I was unacquainted & of course very unintelligible to me, yet afforded much satisfaction from his account of many fine countries over which he travell'd-

Messrs Hooker & Davis rec'd their beef for payment in their "way" - Geo. & H. help'd raise Benj.R. Sears house-P.M.

SUNDAY, NOV 13. Fair-high N.W. wind- Merc. 38°-46°-40°- Usual number & about the same individuals go to meeting. Cheese made & put in press. Rec'd visit from H. Waters & his cousin Sam Judd late in the day. The former intimated a wish to hire money- I give slight encouragement for expectation of the commodity-feeling as though C. Brown might fail of sending for his last lot of cheese. Peruse Geological Report in the eveg.

MONDAY, NOV 14. Cldy- & stormy all day- snowing on mountains & heights & raining in vallies- It was by no means tedious. Thermometer nearly stationary at 38°-. Visited shoe shop of B W Jackson-transacted business with him. complained of sore thumb in which had taken violent cold-originally ran a stub into it-under the nail as I took it. His charges against Mrs Wrisley amounted to \$2.50 Agreed for the building only fine boots for Hopkins- Wife & son both with me. Called at Deac. S. Hinsdill's store- Engaged 1 beef cow to them. Bo't goods on cr to am't of \$4.12- Rec'd Bill from under the hand of the long experienced Druggist N. Edgerton with whom the beef talk was had. Disappointed in not finding cloth suitable for school suit for Hopkins- Present Warner Edgerton & young Webb. Saw in the office Dan'l Rogers of Hoosick- receiving or paying money-don't know which- Coming home met below the old Sam Fay house Dr. H. Swift & this side the same U. Edgerton Esqr-The former on horseback the latter in sulky. We made short halt without alighting at uncle S. Rob's- Bo't of Sanf'd B & Co 2 oz pepperment essence for which pd 16 cs- Evg. finished reading Geolog'l Rept-

TUESDAY, NOV 15. White hills & mountains carried great appearance of winter- Cldy rather dark-Muddy roads- Merc. pretty steady at 36°- Wind apparently N.W. It was discovered that a lawless sow & pigs without rings in noses belonging to his hon. judge L. Norton was doing much damage in cow pasture-were driven home by Geo. P. who obtained a promise from New't Bates of something being done about restraining those animals from their present immoral course. Judge N. had lately sent hogs to furnace under a contract for 300 lb

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pork, which however turned out to be under 200- Price in contract 10 cs- What he obtain'd as it was had not been ascertained. Hopkins arrived with oxen of Safford Robinson which enabled us to plow in the N. meadow during the remainder of the day. Esqr. Fillmore came to buy or make inquiry respecting cows-

viewed without buying - With wife, daughter & son went to the store of L. Patchin & Co - bo't bill of goods - mostly for the last - of \$11.59 cashed after making fr'd Lyman R. say it was at the lowest notch - An article costing 25 cs over amount of bill was taken by wife & paid for. At Post Office took out letter from Nancy Doty - dated Detroit 4th inst - Giving account of journey thither & c - Postage 25 cs of course. Glad to hear from her. Got Spect. of Nov. 7 - giving acc't among the matters of the Frenchmen near Lyons in France being caught in a well 63 feet deep where he remained from Sept 11 to 15 before his friends could get him out - During his confinement he rec'd food & drink through a small apperture over his head. Made short call at H. Water's

WEDNESDAY, NOV 16. Calm, mild, cldy - a little stormy - Trees pow'd on mountains down to a certain elevation. Merc. 32° - 46° - 35° - - Ploughing resumed. Hopk's went to E. Village to Thos. Davis' - Could not get suit cut. Wound up making cheese for the season. Am't of green weight Lbs 17265 since 31st March last. See Cheese Book. Cows had dried up sadly of late. Preparation was made for making butter. Two or 3 days since - stopp'd milking at night. In Spect. of the 10th perused good letters from Sweden & from Geo. Catlin dated at the Red Pipe Bluff.

THURSDAY, NOV. 17 Thin coat of snow on the ground aspect very wintry - Snowed during the night past. So thawed as to render it very unpleasant stirring. Merc. from 32° - to 34° . Regularly foddered & stabled cows at night. Twenty four cheeses were brought in hand cart from cheese house & stored in big cupboard in kitchen provided for that purpose. Safford Robinson's oxen were driven home. William Haswell in the evening looked at the Savage cow & at another call'd Dun Potter - the latter being set at \$17 pr-head. Offered to take both for \$32. I told him he might have them at \$17 pr head - He did not take me up - He afterwards chose to take the Dun one at that price - Granted. Would settle with the Collector for all my taxes when the same were made up - If the cow should fall short - I would hand over the balance as soon as known. if otherwise he would do the like by me. Friend H. staid awhile in the evening conversing very musically in his usual way - Renewed or rather signified his willingness to comply with my terms for both cows, but I refused because it was my belief the Savage cow was worth \$2 more. So he departed with the intention of having the P. cow only. In the evening made settlement in full with Warren Sibley for work performed while I was gone to N. York tow'd which had rec'd pr 2d hand boots of Hopkins - now paid him 75 cs in full.

FRIDAY, NOV 18. Broken clds - with short intervals of sunshine. Wd.N. Merc.

36°-32°-38°- William H. sent down for the Dun cow bargained to him on the 17th. Hopkins assisted the young man in driving her home-reported that she behaved ill-that they tied her in a stable-after he left & by struggling broke off one of her horns close up to her head, therefore must butcher her. Cousin Albert G. spent a part of the day here-complained of sore eyes. Winter apples-say about 20 bbls, were carried from garret to cellar & other preparations made for winter. Made settlement of accounts in the evening with Elihu Wright which brought me in debt to him \$1.24-paid him \$1-the fraction would receive otherwise than in money. On the changing works department he stood indebted 1 day.

SATURDAY, NOV 19. Fair with a faint haze denoting prospect of storm of some kind. Gentle breeze N. Wd. Merc. 14°-34°-in shade-not much above 32°- 8° in the eye-24°. Geo. was deputed to procure nails, of which got 4 lbs 8d at L. Patchin & Co's at 9 cs-paid- Got pay in full of William Potter for beef \$7.55 See Nov 12. Clapboards of the old house were driven up so far as we could reach on short ladders- Father & Hopkins walked to the S. part of the town to see Jane Ayers- The former saw & conversed with Lydia House. After their return, Hopkins went to gov. Tichenor's to see & engage Jane, who was there to come here to make his round-about & pantaloons, but she was already engaged to go to T. Davis'- Rec'd very friendly visit from Elisha Waters Jun who tarried the night with us- Played flute very handsomely in the evening. Had bought a stove at Maumee-Ohio, where calculated setting up Drug Shop next Spring in Co with a Dr. Camp of Sackett's Harbor. Cousin Albert G. Harwood came down again this day- Going to school on Monday next- borrowed Comstock's Philosophy & Chemistry-subject to our call if wanted.

SUNDAY, NOV. 20. Moderate & thawy-hazy-wind S-signs of storm. Merc. 32°-46°-42° George, Aunt L & Adeline went to meeting all day- Hopkins in the afternoon. The mare Jenny was driven before the l.h. waggon as usual & nothing discovered but that she performed in a manner as energetic as ever. A little before sunset she manifested symptoms of distress with her head down-making strange motions as if not in her right senses. Friend Elihu Wright came up & bled her in the neck which seemed to afford much relief-she even showed a disposition to eat hay- Elihu had a dose of new milk, rum & molasses prepared to give her- About the time our neighbors, Sibley & Bates came to make some enquiry respecting beef-some were going to get their assistance in putting it down-but after making some ineffectual efforts it was given up-the beast behaving bad & it being presumed she might get along without it. Our friends all left for their homes- But within an hour afterwards saw her again-little if any better. Aunt Theodosia came home from H. Waters

on Friday. Late in the evening-becoming anxious respecting the old mare, accompanied by wife called upon her once more-threw apples & potatoes before her which she ate voraciously- Took courage-believed she would recover. Rested comfortably.-contentedly

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MONDAY, NOV. 21.

Very furious E. wind until past noon-at which time it was at its greatest height-Rained a good deal too-Some handsome rainbows were noticed from about sunrise or a little after until past noon- Very rainy eveg & night- Snow off in cleared lands generally- Cows suffered to go in the Summer pasture- Spent considerable time in looking over said pasture to ascertain in some measure the extent of mischief perpetrated by sow & 10 pigs, the former, & 7 of the latter owned by his Hon. judge L. Norton- the other 3 by his brother Norman. They had been permitted it seems all the season to run at large without rings in their noses, had lately visited our enclosures & left sad memorials of their swinish dirty employment, the extent of which could only be guessed at- I computed the whole area that probably the different and various patches rooted up would cover-to be at least one acre- See Nov. 15- Saw Abel Potter going up to Norman's woods to chopping- said he always hated to see such work in pastures & meadows. An apple tree self planted was cut-near the brook a few rods below the rocks whence it bro't the water in lead pipe.

In the evening read gov's speech to the Legislature, commencem't of the session and doings of the same in part.

TUESDAY, NOV. 22.

Continued soft, mild, cloudy after a great rain- More rain than usual-streams high- Merc. 40°-42°-38°- Manure in S. meadow carted about the 8th ult-spread by G. & self. Father employed himself most of the day with hoe turning back turfs, uprooted by sow & pigs-joined by us afternoon. Called on New't Bates who was plowing for the judge on the lot bounded E & S by the land of E. Fay- Promised to take proper care of said animals-talked over much of the history of the Judge as a great business man -presumed sow & pigs must be mere trifles with him- didn't suppose he meant to have them injure his neighbors in the least. I spoke respecting the price of beef-believing such as we were going to let him & Mr. S. have, should be worth \$4.75-that it should be so understood if nothing to the contrary were heard from them up to the time of killing. Hopkins was sent to S. Hinsdill's where he procured on credit 4 lbs Raisins 1 do Cassia & 1/4 dp Cloves- Bill amounted to \$1.04- Ate raisins in the evening-Also perused Penny Hag & Geological Report- Mr. Sherwood to kill hogs on the 29

WEDNESDAY, NOV 23d.

Slight snow during night-fair moderate forepart-rather squally during the day- Merc. from 30° to 40°- More N. mead-

ow ploughed up- Six casks cheese-2178 lbs sent off pr Mr.Hall of Williamstown Ms, who brought an order for the same from Caleb Borwn Esqr-receiving pay in full \$198.12 1/2 for which gave receipt- Interest & 14 cents besides, having been deducted. See Oct 10. Assisted Mr.Hall in fixing up his wagon box which was in bad order for such business- not at all safe- Thus far had Mr.Brown done honorably by us-indeed- say all through. Afternoon visited W.S.Southworth-nothing done for Wid.IKellogg rec'd back S.H.K's letter with advice from S.that if K wished to get the testimony of Mr.W.must forward copies of what he had obtained there. Mr.S. was requested by S.Pratt,Selectman, to write letter to Elijah Knapp respecting his treatment of his wife,in consequence of which the town had been put to 4 or \$5 cost in healing up bruises rec'd from him & restoring her to health. Mr.Doolittle called to transact private business when I left. Went to Bennington Bank & got money changed from Adams, excepting \$5 Poughkeepsie, to Bennington- Present Cashier & assistant. Saw Chester Hinsdill-passenger on board Steamboat to & from N.Y. with me- Promise settlement of tin a/c at Sanf'd & Brown's- Saw E.Waters Jun at H.W's- Very lively-said he should call on us previous to going home. Read one of Catlin's letters from the far West in the evening. Just as I was fixing away to E.Village an old gentleman came in & produced a writing the purport of which was that his name was Phillip Swift-late a resident of Montgomery Co,N.Y. Signed a heavy bond for a person therein named-since absconded-by which lost his farm & all his property- now reduced to beggary-requesting however only enough to defray expenses to Boston whither he desired to remove his family-at present in Troy- Had a son 28 years of age- who in consequence of fits since the age of 18-had totally lost his reason. Held a commission in the service of his country near the close of the Revolutionary War which he supposed would entitle him to a pension. To that paper were a few signers amongst them noticed one judge-sums small-all strangers to me. I gave him 37 1/2 cs for which he manifested very sincere thanks- Didn't enter my name. He said he was a dis't relative of Doct's N & H Swift from whom he said he rec'd 50 cs apiece; but would not put down their names. If he were an imposter my donation could not make him rich- if honest he is heartily welcome to it.

THURSDAY, NOV 24. Cold gradually increasing-flying clds-strong N.W. breeze- Mercury 30°- in the morning-mostly at 32°- Plus't eveg- Grd frozen up solid. News came from H Waters' pr J.Godbee of sickness of the little girl Adeline- also a request to have Geo P. go up & cut beef-which was complied with. Besides performing some carpentry at the barn to render stable floors more even than the shovel might slide thereon with greater than formerly- Wrote a letter to S.H.Kellogg acquainting him with the result of his business here-recommending

to him if he wished to obtain Mr. W's testimony to forward copies of depositions already taken-Wrote in friendly spirit-Informed of Gov. Tichenor & Col. Norton being acquainted with his father during his employment in the Army of the Rev. a part of the time at least- See Nov. 9 & 23- Father cut apple-tree assisted by G. after getting back from H. Waters'- Hopkins worked for Elihu Wright carting sornstalks from Indian Field-

Evening self & wife went to gov. Tichenor's, calling first at H. Waters' only a moment. Saw & visited with Mrs Wrisley as well as the Gov. who talked politics much. With the former made settlement in full- finding due her \$2.75 which was paid in money.

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G & Adeline attended Lecture delivered by Mr. Reed-after which the former came over to signify his readiness to go home-talked some with the gov.. Borrowed a Directory of Newark N.J. for 1836 accompanied by a pretty Map- Early in the eveg. saw G. House there About 8 all hands came home- Met Southern Stage N. of S.H. Brown's-

FRIDAY, NOV 25-

Real Wineter-constant breeze from N.W-frequent snow squalls-Merc. 18°- not known higher than 20° or 21°- 12°- in the eveg. Assisted G, Mrs H & daughter in cleaning cheese room & room & shelves which last however were not done quite in full-time not permitting. Father among a variety of other doings mended one of the windows to said room. Hopkins worked much at cleaning & oiling harness. His task became so galling in the evening as to produce tears-used my endeavors to allay his grief-without much apparent effect. The cask used for catching rain water during the warm season was emptied this day-as a preparatory step to fixing for winter- (The way of meeting the rigors of the present season). Stabled cows sometime before night to secure them from the severity of the weather- The eve passed much as usual doing something at music, looking at Directory- at the Map of N'ark-at School Atlases & at Smellie's Philosophy of Nat. History.

SATURDAY, NOV 26..

Cold-fresh breeze from N.W. fine snow hazing about-Mercu- ry nearly as low as 10°- afterwd came up to 24°- 12°-at night. . The cow called Sibyl, bc't of Richmond Brownell-Feb 1835, being sufficiently in order was butchered & dressed- George-head butcher assisted by Jason Sibley Jun'r & Newton Bates to whom was sold the quarters & tallow at \$4.75- taking notes due first of Jan'y next- am't of the former being \$12.16-the latter \$12.02- Walked to town-rec'd new pair pantaloons made by Betsey Street at 75cs-had made another pr early in the season at same rate-, making bill of \$1.50- My acc't for cheese

7 1/2 lbs dry-at 0/6-62 1/2 cs- leaving due her 87 1/2 which I paid before going home. At H.Waters saw Godbee employed in nailing boards on to a new buck horse fitting up for one of the neighbors- to be removed to the spot when finished- he esteemed it very unpleasant business on account of the severity of the weather-never could catch him thus again. Youngest child at Hiram's very sick. At F. Blackmer's rec'd Sepct of Nov 24. Mr.Babbett present trading, (Visited P O where saw Sam'l Fay Esqr who was looking at the Star of N.Y. Whigs had lost N.Carolina & gained New Jersey- Taking everything into consideration-tho't that party had done well- Saw an advertisement stating the robbery of one of the Utica Banks of a sum exceeding \$106,000 on the 20th inst offering a reward of \$6000 for the recovery of the money & thief or \$2000 for him only. At L.Patchin's & Co's found D.Robinson Jun with whom entered pretty freely into conversation respecting various matters & things &c &c- had it understood between us that his butter would not be engaged to him for the year to come. Spent a moment at K.L.Robinson's-then went over to the printing office-Spoke with Sol.Clark & J.C.Haswell- to the latter put a question respecting the proportion his Whig subscribers bore to those of his own party- He replied about 1/3d- I then enquired why he abused them by calling them exclusively Federalists when it was notorious that there were so many of that old party in the Jackson V,B, ranks. He excused the matter by saying the elections were passed-the offense would of course cease.. Read a little of Wraxall in Waldie's Magazine which he promised to lend me. Paid him 50 cs in full for use of Gazette up to Jany 1,1837. for which took rec'pt to the same effect-borrowed Richmond Enquirer of recent date & left the office.. Paid Benj.R.Sears on a/c \$15. Bo't 1.1b Y.H.tea of N.L.Robinson for which paid him 70 cs. Came down to H.W's- enquired respecting the child- said it was thought to be better. At Tin Shop got candlestick-20 cs- small lamp fix'd therein by Potter, 5 cs- Dipper handle soldered on, 6 cs-total 25 cs on book- After getting home perused fine letter from Geo Catlin dated Rock Island, Upper Miss-pp, Sept 25, 1836. in which he states further particulars respecting the very fine country of Red Pipe Stone. His voyage down the M.River Capers of the Indians on making Treaty with Gov. Dodge- ceded to the U.S. their Reserve which he describes as some of the best land on the Globe. Father cut down low trees about the N.W. quarter of the N.Meadow- principally young butternuts.

SUNDAY, NOV 27.. Continued dry, cold & fair-Merc. 16°-44°-(in sun) 24°-shade.

Father, G.P., Mrs Har'd & daughters went to church Warren, Son of J.Sibley Jun. being here on an errand-sent by him an exact statement of the quantity of beef set to him & his friend Bates & amount of notes.. Mr.Lyman Sibley called over to see about the School Bill of Mrs Wrisley which included amount of

her son Wells Tuition, a demand she refused to pay because it belonged to husband to do it- But Samuel's she would pay- Referred him to her at gov. T's. Looked in Smellie much in the course of the day.

MONDAY, NOV 28

Snug winter ~~not~~ however intense- Cldy-Wd-N.W. . M. 19°-27°- 23°- Late made cheese overhauled, rubbed, greased & replaced in cupboard much improved in condition. Wood, cut on Saturday, collected, & drawn to the door. Young John Waters with his cousin Joseph, son of E. D. Waters came to see us. Bro't news of the death of Levi Ayers on Saturday last from the fall of a tree- supposed to have been done instantaneously- found the body late the same evening-somewhere in the neighborhood of the Furnaces. He was from 68 to 70 years of age- poor, honest, industrious- A near neighbor of ours a few years since- In person & habits quite eccentric- Latterly a resident of E. Village-near Mr. Jonathan Hunt's- Raised rather a numerous family- Breyman & Loren-all the sons I ever knew. The last time I saw him was in the street of E.V. near the W end of Safford's bridge where spent some time conversing with him- Do not recollect the day- Resided here 35 or 40 years or at any rate had been here occasionally all that length of time, if not a resident..

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In the evening rode up street to wait upon Miss Lydia home. Hiram W. at home. Excuses himself very handsomely & fully for not having done kitchen door. Lydia not quite ready to ride-Visit B R Sears-produces his acc't in full \$20.25 which I liquidate by paying \$5.25 the other \$15 having been paid on Saturday last- Rec'd abstract of his acc't saw the book balanced and came away. Saw there as I left, Hiram Scott & Aaron L. Hubbell on business of some kind with him. Returned home with the sd. lady. Ladies dressing fowls for thanksgiving- Many pies too built for the same.

TUESDAY, NOV 29

Pleasant winter weather- some cldy-Wd.S Merc. 27°- & about 34° Casks were prepared for packing meat-Birch tree (yellow) S E corner S. mead close by the old Fay line felled & chiefly cut up by father & G. Hopkins & self in big waggon rode on Harmon road to (L- A. Sherwood's for pork. Hogs, 10 in number besides 3 small ones belonging to a neighbor, butchered, dressed & suspended in the usual way-only a little past 10 A.M. The old lady nearly or quite 70-very lively & industrious soon knock'd together the materials of an excellent dinner of which we by polite request partook. Present old gent & lady, Mr. Percy of the old Matthews House who had assisted at butchering Marvin & Bradford Sherwood & a young lad that I took to be a grandson of the old gent-

Two young ladies afterwards dined-members of the family as I supposed. Having waited awhile for the pork to drain & seen them load theirs for Deac. Hinsdill's store, the two allotted to us were weighed & loaded. The first weighed 324 lbs the 2d 396 - Total 720 lbs - at 10 cs making a bill of \$72 - which was cashed on the spot. In the former there was discovered a blemish which it was thought would be of very little if any damage - Should it prove otherwise Mr. S. agreed to make it right. I told him unless it should so turn out - he would never hear anything from me respecting it.

For sale of Pork made by us - See Jour'l Nov. 18, 1829. On arrival at Hinsdill's halted to transact business Hopk's called on Jackson - respecting work, but didn't see him. I bo't at store 3 lbs rice at 5 cs & a small black shawl at 8/0 to be returned if it should not suit. Warner Edgerton got these for me - Had them book'd - Mr. Hinsdill came in with a Novel under his arm published not long since by Miss Sedgwick. Had been ill a few days - getting better - N. Edgerton in presence of Mr. A. Sherw'd, D. Robinson & others weighed off pork - suspended on Patent Balances drawn up by big wheel W. end of the store. Didn't stay to see amount of the lot - Webb was on duty behind the counter. Esqr Uriah E. wanted to know if I bo't pork? Told him I did - let him know too I felt pretty whole in it.

In passing Dr. Sam's left \$1 Bennington, with aunt Sarah to pay for service rendered Oct 14. Came up Col. Sam's hill on foot on old road. Rec'd information at Forbes' of Mr. Dyer of Shaftsbury having been to our house - Called on lady of D. Robinson's Jun for butter pots - which she furnished - Begg'd hard for cheese. told her no. -- Pork cut up in the evening & placed on shelves too cool before being pack'd - Geo. chief at this.

WED, NOV 30.

South Wd. Cloudy - Merc. 25° - 32°
34° - Ground very solid - The

wood of the birch mentioned above - mostly got up by wagg - Geo. salted pork and assisted Elihu Wright in butchering & dressing a certain old brown cow which Mr. Jones bo't last Spring of Dr. N. Swift from the lot offered to me. Elihu fed her on shares - shot her with rifle. Beef, hide & tallow inclusive, weighed rising of 600 lbs. Adeline & Hopks rode to E. Village & c - Early in the eveg made settlement with G. P. Harwood for 9 months work at \$11.78 pr M. allowed deduction of 15 days lost time - \$6.79 - had rec'd at sundry times - mostly in cash \$55.14 & by now paying him \$44.07 balanced acc's - \$106 -

Engaged him to work in fair weather & at such times as should suit his convenience, at the rate of \$10 pr month - from Dec 1 to March 1.

Hazard Moon, of Betsey Blood memory, pretending to be a stranger - made application to stay over night - Advised him to go on - Didn't let him know I recognized him. It was dusky - had a l. h. wagg. in which a lady was seated - supposed to be his wife - Said he was

going to his brother's in Shaftsbury-rather short for money. He lived in this place.

THURSDAY, DEC 1. Mild at first-grew cold all day-harsh N W Wd-Cldy- Frequent snow squalls on mountains in sight- Merc. 30°-12°- at night. Father, Geo, Adeline & self went to meeting & heard a curious political discourse well got up & hadnsomely delivered by E.W.Hooker. Took his text in 1st Peter, 2d C. 16th V. & went on to show the moral turpitude of all parties of the present day. In short it was exactly such a production as he ought to have brought forward on this occasion. It was full of moral instruction & stuck fast to good principles of every kind. He very appropriately alluded to the disgraceful conduct displayed at our Court House at the last Sept. Election- of which he hoped there never would be a repétition. There were many very witty, pungent & rather odd expressions in said Sermon that made it relish well. Saw among others, O.C.Merrill & J.Hubblee Esqrs- E D.Hubbell &c- After the usual exercises were gone through Mr.H. invited men from 21 or 25 to 35 years of age to tarry by themselves a short time-They did so- The business was to see if something might be done respecting repairs of the meetinghouse. Some short speeches were deliv'd by D.Robinson Jun, not however, as a young man, W.Haswell & others; by way of advice & to show a willingness to forward the business. At H.W's various kinds of worldly employm't seemed to be in progress. At supper were present the members of our own family with the exception of Miss Lydia were joined by aunt Theodosia & cousin Albert G. who, that is A. only, returned to S.Rob's at sunset. Called at the house of B & L Street this morning-to leave trimmings for H's clothes. In the evening while engaged with this book very accidentally dropp'd lampoil thereon. On Tuesday the 29th Mr.Dyer delivered us 26 young calf & 3 vealskins well & elegantly tann'd at prices agreed on May 24 for which he rec'd pay in full- \$15.25

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FRIDAY, DEC 2 Severe early-but soon commenced growing warmer-Broken clds-Wd. S- Merc. 4°- 24°- at night. Late in the morning all hands entered the Grove-E side- spent the day choppg. Hopkins having W.Sibley's axe which he borrowed for that purpose-returning it at night- Had fire near where we worked. In the evening perused Philosophy-principally on Vision-Mr.Paddock who was dreadfully wounded & bruised by fall of tree on Saturday last, same day Mr.Ayers was killed-subsequently died. A young man in the morning of life-was said to have been engaged to a young lady to whom was shortly to be married. The circumstances attending the accident were truly (tragical) deplorable.

SATURDAY, DEC 3.

Moderate-cloudy Wd.S- Merc.

18°-28°-30°- Same business

continued- Cheeses taken from shelves, turned, greased & placed therein again. In doing which the exertion I made very sensibly affected me afterwards- though I was but 2d hand in the play- Geo. being principal- Aunt Theodosia divided the honors with us-a visit -About dark when finished- Perused Philos-Nat.Hist.eveg., when not asleep. Hopkins returned from town with his mother & Adeline where they had visited at H.Waters'- besides trading at L P & Co's to am't about \$1-book'd-

SUNDAY, DEC. 4-

Mostly clear-very handsome, moderate-Wd.S-Merc.38°-40°-36°-

None absent from church save mother, aunt Theodosia & Hopkins & self. Employed almost exclusively from 11 A.M. till sunset-writing.

MONDAY, DEC. 5.

Cloudy, mild, rain some expected-

Wind S- Merc.40°- Chopping in

the Grove resumed by father & G.P. One ld ordinary limby, scrubby, appletree wood drawn in waggon by Hopkins. Accompanied by him in the same vehicle rode to Hinsdill's- Returned the little shawl purchased Nov.29-credit being given therefor, bo't a silk cravat for Hopkins-booked-\$1- Store rather naked. Soon to be replenished. Deac. going shortly to N.Y. to purchase a fresh supply. He was personally present. requested him to bring up a goodly quantity of Raisins of prime quality-said he would. N. Edgerton promised an allowance of \$5 pr hund. for beef-leave being given to bring it down at any time. Dr.N.Swift was there on business. Saw Dr's Robinson seemingly engaged. Called on Mr.Jackson- Accounts not prepared for settlement-certainly should be by the end of another week. No shoemaking performed excepting boots for wife which of course bro't home. Hopkins' not made because the material was deemed inefficient- Rec'd bak the same. Wells Martin was there with Subscription paper on which as member of a responsible Committee for support fof the Rev'd Mr.Kinney-pastor of the Presbyterian Church-he was trying to collect pay. Endeavored to persuade J. that he ought to sign a higher sum than \$4 annually. J. considered it, compared with his means, high enough & then began to question M in the same way-complimenting him as a smart farmer in these flourishing times for farmers &c &c- His reply was conclusive- having \$300 rent to pay on ab't 100 acres. Left with intention of visiting E.Village-which entered before 4 P.M. Made slight call at the residence of J.Rogers-directed by his lady to his shop over Demings Grocery. In front of the same saw & spoke with Aaron Osborn & John Crofoot-employed in digging a shallow drain. Jonathan promised as much work as was requested-Made many little enquiries respecting our affairs in cheerful strain as usual. Previous to going thither had effected a rapid & lucid settlement of book accounts with our friend Henry Norton who for blacksmithing since the first

of March last, had charged the amount of \$9.04 - from which subtracting \$1.21 paid in veal as may be seen in Day Book-Apr 15-17-left due \$7.83 which I paid in full. His wife & her mother were present. Called on Deac. Winslow for settlement. Not ready. See May 7-& J any 1- Came up the road to F. Blackmer's- Went to the house & procured N.Y. Spect of Nov. 28 & Dec'r 1- Saw Mrs Laura Hills-herself & family well- At Sanford & B's store saw Dr. F. Johnson settling acct's with Henry V.D. Sp. Spoke with him.-in the old friendly way. Performed a negotiation with Dr. H. Swift respecting the best method of making lead ointment. Hopkins transacted some small business at John Hicks' Sad. Shop- Had been before to Dr. Heman's- Saw Brooks & Dorrel employ'd about dressing hogs- Came to H. Waters'- waited short time for our sister Lydia to finish her meal when she joined us & came home. After supper enjoy'd the eveg very rationally reading the pap'rs in which were very many interesting letters both from home & abroad- Especially that one respecting Mr. Waterton- Sorry for poor Mr. Geo. Catlin who had ben thrown violently out of a stage coach descending a hill at full speed-receiving thereby many very serious & painful, & I fear, dangerous injuries-a broken collar bone among the rest. But still could he write with his wonted vivacity & drollery. Paid a meat debt at H Waters'9 consisting of spare rib- It was washing day at home-at its conclusion Mrs S visited Mrs. Kent. As usual collected much news- Price of article bo't at Hinsdill's \$1- Wm. H. in store doing business again-not quite yet recovered from late sickness. Aunt Theodosia participated in the little visit at Mrs Kent's. Mr. Catlin wrote from 30 miles W. Detroit, Mich'g

TUESDAY, DEC. 6. Cloudy, and a part of the day gusty, squally-fine snow & road dust flying-giving warning of severe cold. No snow to change appearance, of the ground more than in June & the highways on elevated lands & many other parts were as smooth as we many times see them in that month- Merc. 30°- I believe-am some at a loss- Toward noon 35°- fell afterw'd to 35°- 25°- Ten in the evening sank to 15°- Business in the Grove continued to a late hour by father, G.P. & Hopkins. To me was assigned the office of turning out cattle cleaning stables, making preparation for pickling hams, &c&c- Prepped some accounts for settlement. Preceiving the weather to be growing severe-bowed up cows at an early hour-Hot hay from the loft for them at night-Provided wood for night-Rode in gov. Tichenor's chaise with Mrs Wrisley who came down in it alone on business- Saw her safe at the governor's Called on Lucy Street to enquire when a job of tailoring could be done for father? Bring on the materials & in due time, which was not distant, the work would be executed. She gave

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me round-about & pantaloons-

finished in good style-the latter lined compleat-price 13/0 of which paid \$2-remainder to lie over until compleation of next job- Her mother present & in good health- Betsey gone to Dr. Swift's to work-that is to the old Dr's- Crossed over to H. Waters'-left bundle- Went to Dr.H.Swift's-found him in lower kitchen cobversing with Mr.Wm.Park. On seeing me-made immediately for the room above, followed by mae where look'd ever through his books in short order- making up an acc't of just \$10- though he said there some little charges of which he made no account that would have carried still higher. Paid him in full & he receipted the bill- I left him with every demonstration of full satisfaction. Two very phlite kind of gentlemen about the same moment came in whose business I enquired n not- Entered store of G R Sanford & Co to pay for 1 1/2 yds silk bo't of Seymour Merrill by daugh'tr but they could not change a \$ive-so passed on to Dr. N.Swift's- Here again saw another tall & most accomplished gentleman who immediately left- The doctor searched his books & bro't bro't up old arrearages of 7 years' standing, which he said were never bro't into former settlements because they were overlooked in posting. In 1835 nothing was charged. In the present year services amounted to \$1.25- Total \$5.10- I felt some disappointed, considering those ancient things as having been swallowed up, or at any rate ought to have been, in our old & not unfrequent settlements. Took minute of the sum, not having with me a little account of beef sold him in March & July 1835- Proposed to pay the balance another day. At the Post Office rec'd a letter-post pd- in a hand, I mean the superscription unknown to me- believed it contained something unpleasant- pocketed it & went to L.Patchin &c and there settled a bill taken up by daughter \$1.04 by paying \$1 to (N) Gordon Squires clerk. P.L.Robinson not within. Court in session- Visited Grocery of N.L.Robinson-who appeared to be well supplied with custom. Capt.Heman Robinson came in- on being questioned as to his health- said it was about middling. N.L. said he would pay up note on Saturday next- Had satisfaction of walking & conversing with Capt. down to his fathers'- Mentioned attending H A Fay's school at Lovett's- Feb. 1806- Halted at H. Waters'- left 12 1/2 change to pay Mrs Wrisley with request to have Mrs Waters add 1 to the number-it being due by way of changing a two dollar bill at our house to enable her to pay a little demand in favor of the lady of Elihu Wright- The fraction to be made good hereafter. Got home just after dark- Ransacked Journals & old acc't books in search of something touching the doctor's accounts-the result have not time to write. Read much in Spect-particularly the good advice of Ann Cobbett respecting housekeepers & servants, wrong education of the young ladies of these latter degenerate days: Before it is forgotten let me set down that in bowing up cattle-left one without bowing up at all-Very heedless truly-no very serious injury done-no thanks to me however. Towards 12-ventured to open my letter-Found

it from Jesse Gove Esqr-dated Rutland, Dec'r 2, 1836 Very full & explicit on the business in regard to the Gen'l Kellogg-believe it must entirely remove Mr. S Walbridge's fears in regard to giving his deposition. After descending the hill paid Mr. Jas. S Merrill for 1 1/2 yds silk \$1.50 in full- Sat up until one o'clock at night principally employed with the pen.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'r 7. Winter in earnest-fair-remarkably dry-cldy-Merc. 6°-24°-19°-

The morning chiefly spent in hunting up records of settlements made with Dr. N. Swift & N. S. & Son- Dates were thus-Dec 4, 1826-Jan 3 1829, Jan 4, 1831, Jan 2 1832 On the last of which paid the sum of \$503.43"

Jan 2, 1833 took up note for borrowed monsy \$25 on which there was an endorsement reducing it to \$19.89- This however is not here bro't up as a subject of dispute. It so happened that in my Jour'l of that date by mistake or heedlessness no mention was made thereof-only entered in cash book-

Chores out of the way, heard off, writing done- Started away past 1 P.M. Left materials for father's clothes at B & L Street's. Theodosia was landed near Dr. H. Swift's- to go to H. Waters' to tarry awhile In front of the dwelling of Dr (H) N. Swift saw P. Isham conversing with Dr. B. F. Morgan of Pow'l- the former moved off for Court- the latter walk'd in with me. Dr. S. was signing bank notes-but immediately attended to my concern. Presented an acc't of beef deliv'd Feb. 28 & July 17, 1835- amounting to \$1.41- Referred to former settlements manifesting an unwillingness to pay the item of 1829 until it was fully proved by close examination that it had not already been paid. I frankly told him I had no suspicion of his wishing to wrong me, but felt as if it might have been posted without being post marked- telling him at the same time his credit on my book Jan 4, 1831, for medical services amounted to \$3.34- He said the charge in dispute amounted to 4/0 & he felt entirely willing to drop it- I told him not to if he did not feel fully satisfied- But he appeared to be content- paid him in full \$3.02- See opposite page- Present doct, Morgan, Mrs Swift & B Street- or say Miss B. Street- As I came away the two physicians were bound to the Bank. Much complaint prevailed at this time of scarcity of small change. To obtain a few cents had to apply at S & B's store- & Weeks'- only raised 6 at the latter place. Drove to E. Village- Saw J. Rog. in the Deming Shop- Laurin Peck shop mate- recollected buying cider of us 29th June 1832. Business with Rogers of little importance. At J Norton & Co's bo't 1 pr Buck S Mittens for father- paid \$1- D. F. Squires clerk. Saw a young man there who seemed to be a laborer, not an acquaintance of mine, made some remarks respecting sd. mittens which led me to purchase. Eliot Hill Sen happened in & offered some of his coarse slang- calling me a money making man- kept a dairy- fatt'd pork- cared for nobody excepting myself- no accomodation about me. Laughed & joked him mildly- Went on to Silas-

Walbridge's-as we used to call it- Found the old
gent at supper-handed him the letter of Mr. Gove
which after a long time he read through. Contradict-
ed a statement made therein borrowed from the Rec's
in the Secretary of War's Office. Have not time to
state the various objections he brought up- Left the
letter with him to assist in making out statement
in writing addressed to Mr.G. of what he would tes-
tify to-which he engaged to do soon & Left past 4
o'clock. At store of J.Nort & Co made another call
to see if I could

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purchase a padlock. Edward Nor-
ton present-searched, but found
none- Just as I entered store two young ladies hap-
pened in & left immediately-apparently very gay &
lively-On enquiry who they were-told me one of them
was the daughter of N.Judd of Rome, N.Y- Residing at
present with her aunt Norton-the widow of Capt.J-
See Aug 13. Bo't padlock of Dewey & Waters for which
paid 30cs- Got full'd cloth vest cut by our friend
Davis-charged 25 cs- Read Christian Advocate & Jour-
nal the whilst- a Publication full of religion to
the brām. Halted at F.Blackmer's & got Vt.Gaze-Saw
John Hicks & others-the former requested me to bring
him 15 or 20 lbs tallow for which would pay me the
money at 12 cs pr lb. Made short call at H.Waters-
whence bro't bundle. Hopkins read Fireside Stories-
Rersian Scenery-Very pretty.

Let me give J.Rogers credit for mending pr shoes
for Lydia.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 8. Most unusually fine-Wd. mainly
S-Merc. 13°-40°- Chopping in
the grove was continued-was the same on the 7th Hop-
kins being of the party then. But this day entered
Academy School under Mr.N.A.Balch, Miss Chapin, assis-
tant. In the evening George & Adeline attended Lec-
ture by E.W.Hooker-very fine indeed-could not be
bettered-sound Christian Morality. Returned with 2
light dark col'd shawls- one or both to be returned
if we saw fit-Also by calling at N.L.Robinson's ob-
tained a piece of wedding cake as a specimen of
that which was eaten at the Wedding of T.Jefferson
Albro & Widow Stewart-N.Y.-See Nov 5-& my sketches
of visit at N.Y. in Oct. Geo. sold 20 1/4 lbs tal-
low to J.Hicks Esqr & rec'd payment as agreed an a-
bove. \$ 2.43 1/2. Examined some pages of Smellie.
Rec'd little visit from Elihu Wright. Hopkins & his
mother pur. a writing book for use at school. Ade-
line bo't comb & needles, S & B's-21 cs-paid-

FRIDAY, DEC'R 9. Yet another very fine day-
Wind however blew up late in the
day with signs of rain-clouds rising-Merc.in the
morning 33°- I believe 49° at night-Roads remarka-
bly smooth & dusty-Thermometer not examined warm-
est part of the day. Father fell'd a certain walnut
tree, chopp'd up the same & perhaps did more. Geo.at-
tended to stables at the barn while I shell'd half

bhl corn to carry to mill. Prepared horse & wagg-for aunt Lydia & Adeline. Marched across lots mostly getting up street along with G.P.- Returned one shawl to L.P. & Co's & paid \$1.50 for the other-P.L. Robinson present, who at my request made out amount of interest on N.L. Robinson's note of Nov 25, 1835 for stove. Substracted endorsement of \$6.63-Nov 5 1836 to which was added the interest-leaving sum due on Saturday \$17.42. Hopkins bo't 3 bladed pocket knife for which paid 50 cs. Visited Court Chamber-Judge Williams presiding assisted by Hon. L. Norton & another hon. not known to me-J. Norton Esqr Sheriff Mr. Field-an Atty from Wind. Co. was delivering testimony in a cause between two physicians about a certain contract-the nature of which I could understand little. What most took with me was the very pure, unstudied grammatical language he made use of-His manner & voice were agreeable, unaffected & winning- At the conclusion of his testimony, which they said was also the conclusion of the trial except arguments of Counsel-Court adjourned until 2 P.M. Saw amongst Jurors two Knapps, one of whom, I believe Jo, appeared as rough as an old bear-so much did he need the application of water, soap, razor & shears. In front of court house met with many gentlemen of my acquaintance-such as L. Jewett, Wd. Bates, I. Hawks, E. Fillmore Esqr &c- Rode to E. Village- had 1/2 bhl corn ground at Doolittle's mill-Enquired price of rye-said to be \$1.12 1/2. At Deac. Winslow's looked out by permission his charges against me for blacksmithing since 4th July last which were but three amounting only to \$1.68. Balance due him after subtracting am't of veal deliv'd May 11, 81 cs- For want of ready change did not pay it, nor could I effect settlement complete with him, Mr. Everett & Co from 7th May to July 4 without seeing the other gentleman of the concern- Mr. James Allen by whom the books were kept & in whose custody they remained. Him I saw in the Red. Cott. Factory-but too busy to attend to it-must call on him on Saturday eveg only- App't tomorrow eveg & left. Came to F. Blackmer's, A Rob, P. Dewey, I Ripley & others pres't. Got Gazette of Dec 5. Paid for smallish hkf bo't by aunt Lydia for mother 37 1/2 cts to Martin K. Scott. Halted at H. Waters'-took another hkf bo't by the same person (to be returned if it should not suit) returned it to G.R. Sanford & Co. Went to J. Ogden's to pay for repairing iron axle- On Jury, not at home, of course. Came home before dark-say about sunset. Adeline walk'd from H.W's to uncle Sam's on visit- Rec'd eveg vis. from Benj. R. Sears who came to wait upon his mother & wife who had spent the best part of the afternoon here- Sociable agreeable company. The Spect. of Dec. 5 bro't intelligence of the death of Gen'l Morton one of their finest men of the old School. Was one of the Marshals when Gen Washington came to the City as first President of the U.S.A. April 1789- City Clerk to the hour of his death. His exit was almost as sudden as if he had been shot. The death of an aminent judge in the State of N.Y. was also announced. The same paper contained a noble letter from gen'l Talmage-Pres't of the Ameri-

can Institute-Dated St.Petersburgh about Aug 18
last in which he embodies extensive information
touching Moscow-Churches,bells- Internal improve-
ments,Manufactures,Military Reviews,&c &c-Royal
Family also-very fine.

SATURDAY DEC'r 10. Warm dark morning-Wind S-
Mefc. 50°- 46°-42°- Rained
perhaps 2/3ds of the day-Wind coming round N.W.at
night- with prospect of cold weather. Cheeses turn-
ed- all necessary chores ~~done~~ attended to- Beetle
made by B.Harwood Esqr. Rec'd call from J.A.French
who offered 80 cs pr lb for calf skins,which he ap-
peared to like well. I asked him 87 1/2-In some
doubt as to buying-expected a lot from Mr. Imus,
Shaftsbury-Should he be disappointed as to that-
would like to trade with us-Had been to Pownal in
waggon accompanied by his lady-both were wet-tried
in vain to have her alight & warm.

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G.P. in spite of rain walked
across lots to E.Village-put-
chased tow cloth for frock for him & an axe ready
ground,for H.Harwood,paying to S.L.Godfrey,Jun'r
therefor \$1.62 1/2. Spent the evening principally
reading Smellie- Examined the columns of the
Spectator in which there were some interesting mat-
ter- Some additional particulars of the wreck of the
Bristol- Instance of a merchant coming from Pitts-
burgh to Phila'a committing robbery on himself-
having in charge a large amount of Bank money with
which one of the banks of the former city had en-
trusted him to convey to some other bank of the lat-
ter. Was caught in the mischief,maney all recovered
& his person safely secured in prison.

SUNDAY,DEC'R 11. Calm,mild,cldy-Roads some muddy-
sun out pleas't P.M. Merc.34°-
43°-38°-35°- Adeline not returned from Dr.Sam's-
Father,Geo,Aunt Lydia & Aunt Sally go to church.
See June 27. I shall attempt to copy letter writ-
ten by one of my maternal uncles to his brother-in-
law Ephriam Taylor-of Stockbridge,Ms.. Dated,Camp
near Fort Washington

September 20, 1776

Loving Brother & Sister- After my regards to you
I would inform you that I am well-as I hope these
few lines will find you. I rec'd your letter last
night that you wrote a Sunday Noon. I have bad news
for you. Last Saturday night I was on guard at
Spencer's Fort. About dark five men of War hoisted
sails & came up the East River and a-Sunday morning
they landed upon York Island & by this time our men
had all retreated back to Fort Washington except 2
Brigades. They were landing very fast- I was then
in the City & the Enemy had surrounded us on every
side- We all expected to be taken but we thought
that we must fight or die- and so we embodied &
marched off to meet them and we marched about 3 miles

& the Light Horse came upon us- we were all ordered to retreat into a piece of woods- & they never fired a gun upon either side- They left us & we marched on about a mile farther & the Hessians came upon us & fired upon us & we returned the fire & then retreated. A few kill'd on both sides- So we escaped & got in - But I lost all my clothes, but what I had on. Besides \$2 I lost.

You informed me that the old man had gone away- & I am glad of it. The old man did not incline to send my great coat- I shall remember him- I did it to try him- Though I have lost all my clothes, I can live without him or his help, if he did but know it. Abner has wrote a letter and he sent to the old man that I wanted some clothes- But I did not intend it- He wrote it when I was not here. I never intend to send to him for anything more. (I-have-lost-all-but-my-shirt-&-trousers-&-one-pair-of-breeches) I have lost all but my shoes & trousers & shirt & jacket. I lost three pairs of stockings & 1 pair of breeches & two shirts & one coat & my blanket & two silk hks. I wish you would send my blue coat as soon as you can- and my breeches for there is nothing to be had here. This letter I wrote in a great hurry. So I must leave it till another opportunity. This from your Loving Brother-

Signed

Bohan Dewey.

The spelling used in the original was a good deal worse than mine- So the thing is not copied.-exactly to the very letter. The person denominated "The Old Man" was his father I presume. It was about that time that he came with his numerous family, of whom my hon'd mother was one, from Stockbridge, Mass to this town to reside. Taking up his abode in the famous hollow where T.C.Parsons formerly carried on the tanning & shoemaking business. Abner was an elder brother then in camp with him. It seems some difficulty had arisen between "The Old Man" & his son Bahan-the cause I am unable to state.

On Friday omitted mentioning that while in front of the Court house rec'd an invitation to purchase a History of Connecticut-The copy (of-which-the---agent) presented was in my opinion very fine-containing numerous & well executed engravings-exhibiting views of Cities, Towns, Edifices &c &c-price \$3. Another small volume to accompany, at the option of the purchaser I suppose containing the old Charter & the ancient papers with a handsome bust of Chas 11d. The whole at \$4- Didn't see fit to buy. Oliver Ayers. Gov'r Tichenor's man- son of John A. in burning over a swamp where there was poison (akee) sumac-inhaled poison from the smoke & was most terribly swollen about the head, eyes more especially, throat &c- The burning was done on Thursday-the attack followed soon after.

SUNDAY-EVENING. Attended a thin religious meeting at Judge L.Norton's- Mr.E.W.Hooker presiding. Gave a pleasant discourse on the necessity of being true Christians-telling how to go to work to be such &c- Most of our family were there-father & mother & aunt

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Lydia were not. Previous to opening meeting, complaint was entered by me against those animals Nov-22 noticed Nov 22, which had since visited our premises- The Judge promised to have them confined or in some way would prevent further mischief.

Ab out 8 o'clock got nome-lady & son accompanying across lots. Wrote a letter to Jesse Gove Esqr, Rutland, Vt. Acknowledging rec't of his of 2d inst. Stating what I had done with it- Giving my opinion in favor of Mr. Kellogg's coming to Bennington to obtain testimony- mentioning the difficulties under which Mr. Walbridge labored in regard to giving in his- Mentioned also his apparent willingness to be serviceable to Wid. K in a just & proper way.

MONDAY, DEC 12.

Continued mild- with threat'ng- blasts N.W. Wd & black clds-

Surface of the ground generally thawed up- Roads some muddy- Merc. 36° - 40° - 38° - 37° - The large red cow bo't of Ira Armstrong-early in March 1835-being pretty finely ratten'd-was butchered, handsomely dressed & fairly weighed by Geo. F. Harwood & E. Wright Quarters weighed 496-hide 80 & tallow 51 lbs- Total 627 lbs at 5 cs comes to \$31.35 The same being , with 2 pots butter, put on board of the big waggon, ready for a start- Rec'd on Note pr N.L. Robinson, who came on foot-returning from Pownall \$16.00- within \$1.42 or taking it up. As soon as might be he was off with my stuff- Halted at Bennington Academy, call'd for & was joined by my son. Allen Brown saw & complimented me respecting handsome beef. Left with the lady of D. Robinson Jun- 47.15 oz butter- Wanted cheese- regretted my not bringing any- believed I was angry &c- told her no- the article was not right-cheeses too large & green- Drove on slowly by way of Henderson Hill.

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by Deac. Hinsdill's new road ending at his recently erected bridge S. of the Village, halting at new house of BW Jackson to give notice of wishing to settle acc'ts with that gentleman-Building unfinished-not so much so but that the family had taken up their abode therein. First proceeded to the store of the sd. Deac. Delivered beef with which friend Norman seemed well satisfied- didn't wish to weigh it over again Marched over to the shop of B W J and effected a fair settlement-running from March 10 to the present date- amounting to \$ 20.47"-bringing me in debt \$2.30" my a/c being only the balance due on skins \$18.17 for which held his obligation payable 15th July last- Balanced acc's by giving an order on S. Hinsdill for amount of difference-Paid due compliments to him- intimating that for the future should only employ him occasionally-distance rendering it inconvenient to call on him when I could be accommodated comparatively near home- Manifested full confidence in him in every respect, so that he might not be wrongly im-

pressed as to the cause of my partially abandoning him. Departed, leaving material for boots to be built for father- returned to store where among bystanders saw Dan'l Rogers of Hoosick, N.Y- immediately entering on business with N. Edgerton the famous old Druggist- who exhibited & adjusted our accounts in a trice. Due store for goods since Sept 12 inclusive \$22.36 to which adding order in favor of Jackson \$2.30 made total \$24.66 which being subtracted from \$31.35 am't of cow left balance in my favor of \$6.69 which was paid in store orders issued by the Deac. in something the same style as were the small bills of 1816-18 of former days- for the accommodation of the people of his Village & himself-Deferred trading until arrival of new goods which they said would be shortly- William Hinsdill was pres't. Am not sure respecting Warner E. Made pretty directly for home. Halting only at N.L. Rob's where promised to trade next day & give him up obligation & at Post Office where rec'd nothing. Sent off letter this morning by Judge L. Norton to be conveyed by Judge C.K. Williams to J. Gove Esqr, Rutland-written on Sunday Eveg. Reach'd home-eveg aft dark- Occupied eveg principally reading Smellie & some old Vt. State Papers.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 13. Mild-cldy-stormy from S.E. at first snow & then, after vacation rain- which in the evening came profusely. Merc. Mornng. 32°- Eveg. 40°- Besides ordinary business of the morning made an abstract of acc's with Winslow, Allen & Everett-Visited E. Village Attempted settlement with sd. firm, but found it necessary to have affairs in a train more explicit-postponed it over to another day- Mr. Allen very good-it being at his house over Sharp's old Grocery- New frame with nothing but roof over it-standing very close E thereof- J. Rogers performed mending of no great importance- my thin boots & shoe of Ad. Mr. Peck in Co, E. Fillmore Esqr came & informed him of bringing light pork-say 200 the weight of which he had to go & see to- Price 9 1/2 cs pr lb.- Great faced John Wilson-some 28 or 30 years since a young merchant in that V-but now greatly & sadly reduced by intemperance popp'd in once about pork too. Mr. J.A. French likewise happened in-but said nothing respecting calf skins. Friend Rogers said he would work as reasonably as our friend Jackson-Make thin boots for Hopkins & furnish outsoles for \$3.00- Returned home-past Evans' at the former residence of Lieu't S. Safford-Dark on arrival-rainy too- Was informed of the call of W.S. Southworth Esqr, & that of neighbor Root-of whom the latter manifested a desire to buy cider. E. Wright visited us in the evening. Hopkins bro't from school Smith's Geog'g & Atlas-price \$1- Spent evening chiefly copying accounts- \$1 paid Baich as pr Day Bk p. 58.

WED. DEC'R 14th. Great rain over night-wind hauled round N.W. very strong. Cold increased rapidly all day-many showers of rain

& sleet- tow'd evening storm ceased, but the wind continued high- Thermometer gradually fell from 42° in then morn'g to 22°- in the evening at about 9 o'clock- Assisted G.P. Harwood at thrashing oats- Father when not too stormy sawed & worked up wood fit for stove- Indeed on Monday he chopp'd wood in the upper orchard- Next day was out until driven in by storm along with G.P. in the "Grove". Mr. R. again made application for cider & obtained the promise of 1 bbl at \$1.50- took away a few quarts on trial.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 15. The wind blew tremendously heavy the past night from N.W. nor did it lull away a great deal until past noon- calm after sunset- Clouds flying & ragged- Merc. 16°-20° at 4 o'clock P.M. Read P's Mess. in part. Again visited Algiers or E. Village- Called at the shop of Henry Norton & left horses to be shod which led on foot across lots- Roads dreadfully sharp & ugly to travel over- visited Mr. Everett & obtained his running account of work done on waggon & hand cart last Wint. & Spring. Made some enquiry of Deac. Winslow in regard to his book- could tell little about it- being in the care of Mr. Allen- Applied to the latter gentleman who was busy at the Red Factory left immediately & walked to his house where he went through all the items of the Company Acc't- added all up including one charge for horseshoeing- June 13- the latest under that concern, amounting to 85 cs- making total \$36.19- On my side- am't of acc't up to May 7- \$15.73- Do cash \$17.55 & charge of 50 cs discount- & acc't subsequent to that date \$1.52 amounted in full to \$35.30 leaving balance due the Co. of 89 cs- of which paid to Mr. Allen 75 cs- could not pay the residue- for want of small change- Mr. A giving me liberty to pay said fraction to Deac. Winslow, balancing the book in that way. The result was mutually satisfactory- Accepted of an invitation to dinner- Business requiring, at the factory, the momentary absence of Mr. A- the interval was improved in looking at newspapers- "Christian Watchman" (Baptist)- Published at Boston. & N.Y. Spect. of Dec 12 On return of Mr. A. sat down to good cold cut- grace being first said with all due solemnity- Adam's Ale for beverage- Something said respecting temperance from which inferred that he was an advocate of total abstinence- I manifested sentiments favorable to the cause, but would not go to far at first- believing a gradual change preferable to a radical one. Left for the shop of Deac W- offered to pay his acc't in full since

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July 4- \$1.68 & the fraction aforesaid due the Co 14 cs- Tot. \$1.82-, but lack of change prevented. Stepp'd down to Walker's store- exchanged \$1 bill on Bennington for specie- Called for & examined boy's leathern mittens- would not buy- Returned to the shop- Deacon

had left- Paid the amount in full to a gentleman working on the opposite side who said he would hand it to the Deacon. I remarked to him that it made him & me square- Coming down street was overtaken by Sam'l Thayer who alluded to times at Plattsburgh-1812-experienced by him & myself & others. Spent short time at the shop of J. Rogers- A.P. Lyman had new pair thin boots just finished- with which appeared highly pleased. I told some anecdotes calculated only for the meridian of the shoe shop. Called for horses at H. Norton's which were ready in about 10 minutes-price of work \$1.20 ce Spoke respecting fanning mill which he said he could repair if anybody could. Came home the same way I went down. Would say once for all that I was fully impressed with the high opinion of the honesty & fairness in dealing of Messrs Winslow, Everett & Allen Wife, daughter & son made evening visit at Elihu Wright's- Elihu butchered hogs for H. Norton. Employed a part of the eveg. reading Nation's Intelligence forwarded by Hon. H. Hall- Didn't venture to begin the long list of Documents accompanying the P's Message respecting Mexico & Texas. Cats fully thrashed out & winnowed-say 10 bbls.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 16.. Cold, pleasant, some flying cld's air very clear-pretty calm-Wind mainly N- Merc. 6°-18°-20°-18°- Great signs of storm. Took part in chopping in the Grove N.E. quarter. Hopkins at school. Evening examined Jour'l for Dec'r 1835- 15th & 16th remarkably cold & stormy- Great Fire, New York. Season very different from the present. Arrived early in the evening Samuel H. Kellogg Esqr. from Pittsford--Vt- in chaise on the pension business. Produced papers which we were permitted to inspect- Many of them copied from originals in the Sec'y of State's Office-in the hand of Farrand F. Merrill, son of the late Sec'y. Those & some depositions-relating to Military services of his father dur'g Rev'n Sold to Mr. G. Root 1 bbl cider-this eveg-for which rec'd payment in full \$1.50

SATURDAY, DEC'R 17. Nearly all day stormy-principally from S.E.-commencing with hail & ending with rain. Wind P.M. getting about W. or N.W.-Merc. 32°-40°-42°-32°- Employ'd mostly in writing Journ'l making some entries in Day Book & copying from that, items, which cash had been paid,-into Cash Book. Assisted G.P. at turning & greasing cheeses. Father & Mr. Kellogg very sociable. Mr. K. made many enquiries into our mode of managing cows & dairy- to which returned as intelligible answers as our abilities would permit us to. Events of the Revolution in which his father was concern'd were likewise talked over. Geo. & Hopkins late P.M. rode to E. Fay's in big waggon & bargained for 10 bbls goods oats at 50 cs- Hopkins indisposed in the evening from bad cold. Mr. K. being a professor of religion, by request- prayed very devoutly with us this eveg- He did so the previous evening.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 18. Temperately cold-some gusts N.W
wind-clds thick-Thin coat of
hail, snow & ice coveree the ground. Merc. 26°-most
part of the day- Mr. Kellogg by request very modest-
ly & with all due propriety & solemnity-took the
lead in family worship- afternoon accompanied those
who went to church-Slippery bad walking- Hopkins
was partially ill with bad cold. staid at home.
Look'd some in Smellie, cast up figures &c &c.

MONDAY, DEC'R 19. fair-pleasant-Hazy tow'd eve-
ning- storm expected wd. S- Merc
17° in the morning-afterwards stood several hours
at 26°- Very icy- Hail, snow & ice quite thin-never-
theless afforded quite decent sort of sleighing.
Geo. improved it- in sledding wood from the "Grove"
Father gave assistance- I started out with Mr. K
riding in his double gig. Halted at Chandler's to
have his horses shoes sharpened..could not do it
under 1 1/2 hours- so many horses in-Drove on to E
Village- applied to Harry Norton, who though so
crowded with horses so as to have turned away num-
bers the pres't morning, yet consented & did execute
the work desired by our friend. While waiting-spent
the time in John Norton's & Co's store-where was
Stephen Dewey Esqr, to whom introduced Mr. K. &
afterwards to my friend John. The two first having
been Representatives at Montpelier during the re-
cent session of the Legislature of Vermont- Both
Whigs, but didn't happen to form an acquaintance.
They now talked over business pretty freely-respect-
ing Banks, Surplus Revenue, state of parties, anxiety
of men to get into office &c &c- John seemed to
be preparing to butcher hogs- assisted by his neigh-
bor Chas. Thatcher. We were soon seated in our vehi-
cle & off arriving quickly at Mr. Walbridge's-find-
ing the old gentleman a little distance N. of his,
or his son's house employed near the river in chop-
ping hard maple into 4 ft wood-apparently pretty
smart-though as he stated some unwell- Made him ac-
quainted with Mr. K-to whom he told particulars of
the tragical fate of Mr. Tupper-Oct 13, 1781 & other
Revolutionary incidents occurring in those days. He
immediately left his work & came with us up to the
house-some of the way it was difficult getting along
bank steep & rather icy. At the house saw Aaron
Osborn who was at dinner- employ'd for the day at
thrashing- Mr. W. returned Mr. Gove's letter of Dec 2
to me & as he had no way to ride to town other than
in friend K's carriage- I consented to foot it &
did so- Soon fell in company with two men from Pow-
nal-whose names I suppose I ought to have known,
for they knew mine one of whom, the youngest, said he
was 10 years younger than me. A few rods E. of the
old Tim. Hewey place the got over into the meadow
thinking to gain distance & avoid slippery walking.
I stuck to the road & got ahead of them so that
they didn't overtake me until some rods N. of the
Webster house & then remarked that I walk'd smart
for an old gentleman. I requested their opinion of
my age & they stated it at 80. Replied that I knew

my look would warrant that- but that my actual age was but little over 48- my real feeling was much under that- Could walk as easy as I ever could. In the Village saw Mr. French respecting the calfskins- should want

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them in about 4 weeks, but not at a higher price than he had offered. I requested 10 days for chance of doing better-when I would give an answer. Visited shop of J. Rogers Mr Peck present-Jonathan gone-Hopk's boots to be done present week- Somewhere not a great way this side of the village, Heman Robinson being seated low on wood sled invited me to ride with him. so I did- Horses wanted blacksmithing badly-which he had unsuccessfully tried to get done- finally after arriving against F. Blackmer's store, landing me proceeded to friend S. Chandler's & there had them fix'd. Called on the widow of our late friend- made some enquiry respecting the N.Y. paper-which of late had not been sent me quite so regularly as during her husband's life time- requested her to regulate that concern a little & I would continue taking it up to the first of May next, when the term for which subscribed & paid would expire-paying for it myself \$2 first July & at that rate for the remainder. She assured me it should be looked to- Came out to the store-talked over the same thing there & was told by Mr. M.K. Scott that the wid. had nothing to do with it-for it belonged to the estate & as such he had advanced postage for 1 quarter himself as agent for sd. estate. Was however very well pleased to have me continue taking it. Our neigh. Thompson of the old Jo. House place was in the store & telling that Mr. Towsley of Pownal having a lot of 4 or 5000 lbs cheese carefully placed away in a cellar room purposely contrived therefor-had refused an offer from Caleb Brown of 10 cs pr lb for it-& that last Spring he sold a quantity, nearly similar to the present, to the same gentleman for 12 1/2 cs- Told him I wished I had known it-should have asked & obtained more for that which we let him have at that time.. Stated that T. weighed it when he put in & when he took it out & that it actually gained in weight. He went on to tell that he understood from a person well acquainted with Brown's affairs, that he felt highly pleased with our dairy the present year-would not have miss'd buying it on any account. Capt. P. Dewey was present & before I left Capt. A. Hyde came in. nor must we forget our old friend Samuel Scott Sen'r who related an anecdote of Thomas Jewett Esqr- who departed this life in June, I believe, 1812- the substance only of which I can give- The old gentleman many years since as Scott one day was employed in getting timber with his son Erastus in Pownal, happening to be present- seeing a gentleman approaching at some distance- called Erastus aside- & presuming money to be the man's object, instructed

him not to let him have it, but to save it for another, whose affairs were so involved that in the end, by taking a Mortgage of his farm, they should obtain it- Scott tho't no more of it until about 4 years afterwards-attending a court of chancery, that very case came up & was decided as Esqr. J. had predicted- Ample comment was made on said transaction by Mr. S- Left, crossed over to Ogden's-saw the gentleman & paid him \$1 in full for repairing forward axle of wagon about Oct 24- Ben. Darling sawing wood there- visited gov. Tichenor- heard him relate the same story which Mr. Walbridge had told us in the morning about transactions at Castleton, vt, Oct, 1781- General Enos, rough swearing old fellow-good to fight-but no scholar-March'd out to Fort Ann where rejoicing guns, which they at first took to be battle guns, were heard from the American Encampment under Gen'l Stark at Saratoga on account of the capture of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown-Va- on the 19th inst. The British under St. Leger at Ticonderoga immediately decamped & pull'd for Canada-no more fighting after that-While thus employed with the gov- Mr. Walbridge & our cousin Kellogg came in & the same subject was renewed & fully talk'd over- but the gov. could recollect nothing respecting Lieut K. during his services under the authority of this State. Mr. W. had just deposed before Col. Merrill, J. Peace for this Co, to 9 months' service of the Lieut. in 1782. Afterward, visit at the gov's being through Mr. K. having waited upon his old friend W. on his way home as far as Weeks' -E. Village called upon gen'l David Robinson for proof respecting services-1781- but he could recollect nothing. In the evening made out the substance of deposition for my father who saw Lieut K. at Castleton acting (acting) in the capacity of some kind of commissioned officer-October 1781- His commission for said year he had amongst his papers to be forwarded to Washington. At Gov's saw Mrs Wrisley & O. Ayers-well- Gave me cake & cider.

I visited grocery of N. L. Robinson of whom bo't 2 lbs tea & 1 do saleratus. amounting to \$1.52 1/2. Gave up stove note on which was due \$1.42-leaving balance due in his favor of 10 1/2 which was paid. L. S. Patchin was there. Nathan had l. h. wagg. loaded with bedding & some goods for setting up grocery in Pownal whence he was going this evening. Went over to the printing office- Saw Col. Merrill making out deed for Forbes & Childs, as I understood it, covering the ground occupied by the old Hicks Saddlers shop-now their shoe shop- & perhaps more- didn't enquire into the matter at all. Mentioned those skins alluded to at the top of the opposite page- Forbes would hardly recieve them as a gift. Saw our old friend Jay Ballard with whom passed usual compliments- He supposed such skins might be worth something-provided they had been taken off calves 9 days old- Borrowed a smaple of Waldie's Literary Omnibus for Jany. 1837-dated Oct 12, 1836- containing the commencement of Wraxall's Hist. of His Own Times.

Agreed to take sd. publication, which John C. Haswell told me I could have of him at \$1.75 pr ann. Solomon Clark closely employed at his trade. Made next call at L.P. & Co's where were Capt. D. Robinson Jun. sd, could not pay for butter until 27th L. Patchin Esqr & M. S. Norton - conversing about banking generally & the share of public money soon to be rec'd by this town- L.P. proposing ironically to have any man of property, as was done in 1816-17 & c, who should become properly responsible to community to assume banking privileges & issue bills. Something was offered in regard to the disposal of the aforesaid money- Mr. P & Martin S being sincerely of opinion that it would be most proper & much more for the interest of the town to entrust it to the care & management of a single individual who sh'd give sufficient security for the same- than to do with it as directed by law- Mr. P. condemning that in toto. He said he would take it at six pr cent- provided it was as he proposed above. Look's at green flannel- of which bo't none, but took a scrap for sample & withdrew. Entered Post Office- No letters nor papers. Some words were had concerning the late fire at Washington- news of which had very recently arrived. Academy School just dismissed for night- Hopk's ready to accompany me home- so we came together. Near Brook's B. walking with us, saw Wm (Dorrell) (or) (Dorrel) returning in sad predicament from a drunken frolic- had mostly in Pownal. Made call at Betset Streets & came home. Spent a part of the evening making out a statement in writing to Mr. Kellogg of management of cows, preserving runnets & c.

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TUESDAY, DEC'R 20, Chilly S. wind- with flying clouds. Wind increasing P.M. & eveg. Merc. 24°-38°- perhaps might have been some part of the day high as 40°- George drew with horses & sled 6 loads wood, besides 1 or butternut timber for gate posts. Mr. Kellogg leave in the morning- father accompanying him to Court H Hill, where at the County Clerk's Office made oath to what was drawn up last evening- all due forms being gone through- according to act of Congress. Found Mr. K. a very amiable friendly gentleman- seemed well pleased on his part & engaged hereafter to visit us again with his lady & aged mother- inviting us to do the like by him.

Rec'd evening call from Elihu Wright- who with intent to go on visit to the Libeus Barney place at the Elbow on Windham Turnpike of old- hired & took home the Sam H Brown cutter. Read Memoirs of Wraxall- 1783-84- concerning Fox, P.M. Sheridan, Burke & a host of others.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 21.. Great rain storm- first principally from S.E. & then with almost unexampled strong gusts from N.W. raining by bucketfuls- a short time, but soon turning to snow-

fury of the wind gradually (wearing away) ceasing. Merc. about 50°- in the mg-28°- 1 o'clk P.M.. Geo. & Hopkins went to H.Waters' bro't thence new kitchen door & trimmings, which Geo. Rob afterwards proceeded to hang on butts-threshold & casings having previously been adjusted. Tried to settle my cash account kept since the first of Jany last- But it would not balance by \$34.68- The rec'ts were, including the sum on hand first Jan-\$2223.40 up to date. Payments during same time-amounted to \$2056.82- leaving a balance that should be on hand of \$166.58- but of which there was actually only \$131.90-all bro't up to this date. Before night G.R. finished hanging door in good style. Cattæ stabled as should be- No day for E.Wright to visit on Green Mountain-Cutter exposed to storm for naught. H Waters here tow'd evening- bro't goodly report- had made favorable settlement with Hiram Blackmer- Marched home with his apprentice G.Robinson.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 22. Springs & streams high after the great rain. Fair, keenly cold- Some few flying clds- Wd.N.W.- Merc. 7°-10°- 13°-12°- at sunset-9°- eight eveg. Assisted G. in getting up 7 loads wood. It was about this time that the E. haymow of the old barn was broached- Hay in the new barn-more than half consumed. H. Waters here at noon.

Father went to Norman Norton's on an errand- Butchering hogs there- Saw one of the daughters of our old friend Norman Judd. Asked the age of Widow Lucretia Norton- 73 in June last- smart & in good health. Hopkins recited Geog'y lesson to Adeline in the evening-

FRIDAY, DEC'R 23rd Most unpleasant indeed-wind blowing heavy gale from S.E. raising snow storm latter part of the day, but no help as to sleighing. Merc. 12°-18°-20°-22°-26°- Six loads wood-the result of this day's exposure to rough weather. Besides giving assistance at loading-did something at chopping. Sledding so bad though not the worst where our team operated- concluded to suspend the business for a day or two. It was a keen cold day. Sherman C.Blair-foot pedlar with tin trunks-put up with us this night. Very sociable. Nights of late unusually light-Moon about the full-running very high.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 24. Rather mild-wind S-Cldy-Merc. 26°-36°-26°- Father & G. were employed at chopping in "Grove". Hopkins waits upon Adeline to E.Village to obtain gater boots for the latter-returns unsuccessful- Self, Lady & Hopkins in wagon drawn by "Charley"-rode to Hinsdill's- trade in crockery & other articles to amount of about \$4.43 1/2-Mistake in bill of from 8 to 10 cents too high. New goods not up-supposed to be froze in somewhere- Present N. & D.W.Edgerton, W.

Hinsdill, who made out the bill & W. Webb. As we were coming home saw a funeral procession, the subject of which was the unhappy William Durrel- who died at the house of Dr. Samuel Robinson, as a pauper on the 22d. He was by turns very intemperate-had been off on a train in Pownal-returned thence on Monday eveg-had been so long without taking food & probably suffered so much from other causes as to end in death- He was from 51 to 53 years of age- was formerly a hired man to the late Moses Robinson Esqr- no relatives this side the G. Mountains- Said to be the son of the famous imposter who flourished about half a century ago in Halifax, Vt- See Gazetteer of Vermont- Halted at L. Patchin & Co's- bo't 1 lb alspice for which paid 12 1/2 cs/ At Blackmer's stopp'd to get Spectator- next in order to the last we had- was blown away on 21st or 22d as little Katherine Blackmer was bringing it from Post Office. Sent to borrow at Weeks'- got that on the 20th in which was the speech of Mr. Wise on introducing Resolutions for raising committee of inquiry into the state of Executive Departments- which I read aloud in the evening- to father, Geo & others of the family. Handled the old Hero without mittens. Mr. Blair, after breakfast this morning, having let us have 88 cs worth goods & rec'd pay in full for the article purchased June 17- departed. Charged fare at 2/0- Balance paid for goods bo't now- was 35 cs- Promised to bring us 3 good silver table spoons of substantial manufacture. to be worth about \$10- by about the last of Feb'y next

SUNDAY, DEC .25.

Dark, cicy-heavy wind from S-Merc. 34°-37°-44°- All at

church except mother & self- visited by Hiram Waters' 2 little girls accompanied by aunt Theodosia. Reported that last evening between 11 & 12 o'clock a female infant was added to his family- mother & child doing well.

Hopkins last evening went from Blackmer's to E. Village -procured a pair of new thin boots, built by Jon. Rogers who furnished bottoms- exclusive of insoles- in fine style- pr. in full \$3- Wore new boots to meeting.

On the 21st about 1 nail or the body & boughs of an ancient apple tree standing a few rods S. of the old mansion, supposed to be 80 years old from the seed- bro't from Adams, Ms; when very young by my late grandfather & transplanted on the very spot it now occupies, was blown down, smashing much board fence in its fall.

The person mentioned above whose corpse was this day interred at public expense- since the death of capt. M. Robinson had resided mostly at Dr. H. Swift's Mrs. S. being the daughter of Capt. R- occupying the same dwelling in which her father lived so many years. When sober was said to be honest, industrious, & faithful. I have mentioned him somewhere in this or some previous vol. but have forgotten when or where.

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Dr.H.Swift was said to have regretted much D's going to the poor house-would have chosen to carry him through his last illness & done all at his own expense. On Friday evening Miss Lydia H. was waited upon by H.Waters to his house. Most of this Sabbath spent in perusing certain parts of Penny Magazine, Smellie's Philosophy, Blair's Lectures &c- Hist.or Eloquence in the last is excellent. Wife & daughter visited gov.Tichenor's at noon- Viewed plates in Rees' Cyclo. Some cookery going on in the evening. George reads Theological Dictionary. Hopkins studies Geography.

MONDAY, DEC. 26. Another great rain-succeeded by snow from N.W.-P.M. Held stormy all day- Merc.in the mg.about 45°- P.M. 32°- Evng.22°- Aside from cares at the barn-reading & writing were the principal occupations of the gentlemen- Wife & daughter bak'd, wash'd &c- Hopks went to school. I made my cash acc't come out within \$17.36 of balancing- See Dec.21.

TUESDAY, DEC. 27 Clear-very cold-wind N.W- Merc. mg. 2°- at noon exposed to fair sun only as high as 22°- Tw.P.M. in shade at 6°- Nine evng. 8° below ° Six lds wood drawn-helped load 4- Attended Town meeting-P.M. Got there too late to vote- Business was, the appointment of Trustees to manage the public money-to be rec'd subsequent to the first of Jan'y proximo, on acc't of the share coming to the State, of the Surplus Revenue from U.S.Treasury- according to act of Legislature last Session. Messrs Stephen Dewey, Elijah D.Hubbell & Wm Johnson Watson were so appointed. Resolution voted that the Selectmen warn a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town, to see if they would authorize the Selectmen to borrow of said Trustees a sum of money not to exceeding \$6000 to purchase a farm for maintaining Paupers of the Town- Perhaps I am incorrect as to the letter- but that was the spirit of the Resolution. Many were in favor of buying a farm for support of the poor- Some doubted the legality of the proposed loan of the expected public money by the Trustees to the town. Saw J.A.French to whom bargained 26 Deacon calf skins at 80 cs pr lb- payable at the end of 30 days- perhaps he should not want them previous to that date-if he should would give note with security- Told him I was easy as to that-should not insist much on it-however, if he were disposed to get a signer-it would do no hurt- Seemed to think when he came for them-should hand over the money- See Nov 29 Dec.10- 19. J.W.Vail had rye to sell-least he would take at his house-7/0 pr bhl- Requested a few days to think of it-article good-should be well cleaned- Felt

almost persuaded to make contract at that, but tho't there was a possibility of doing better. Price said to be in Pownall \$1 1/8- In Arlington & vicinity- \$1 1/4- Transacted some business verbally with S. Chandler- collector of Mr. Hooker's Salary- 1836-7. Accompanied William Haswell, T. Clk, to his house- By calculation made out the whole Bill Taxes against father & self- due the Collector \$17.28- to be pd. first March next- all which, except the fraction, he would answer for in payment for cow bo't Nov. 18- The balance I agreed to pay along with Missionary Herald for the past year \$1.50 next time came up street- S. Pratt, one of the Selectmen came to get him to draw notification of future T. meeting. Visit Reading Room of J. C. Haswell- look at books as usual- among which perused a few lines in small Hist of State of N.Y. designed for youth- treating most pleasantly of Wolf's Victory- Sept- 1759- Darius Clark appeared to be settling accounts with John Robinson- son of the late Geo. R. Solomon steadily employed at his trade- as every one usually finds him- when there- that is I mean all who call there. Bo't Vermont Register for 1837 paying therefor 20 cents- Judge Stephen Robinson, Alvah Rice & Mark Morrison came there, made settlement among themselves on a concern I did not enquire into- but supposed it (supposed it) referred to District School. J. W. Haswell gone to Sandyhill, N.Y- Call at L.P. & Co's & afterwards at Grocery of N.L. Rob- met uncle Samuel there in tolerable health. Enter Love's bar-room- get in conversation about celebration of 16th Aug- in the year 1810- when there was a vast concourse of citizens assembled in David Henry's orchard- the very ground on which Gen'l Stark & troops encamped the night previous to the memorable action with the Hessians, British, Indians, Canadians & Tories- to join in said celebration. The Democrats were in high spirits that day- Many distinguished characters, who are now no more were drawn together on that occasion from various quarters- most of whom were at the Battle 33 years before- There were then a goodly number in this town who delighted in entertaining the rising generation with their unvarnished stories of the part they acted there and what they knew of others- and all such particulars as would be enquired after- But also they are gone ! Scarcely one remains- Gen'l David Robinson, Silas Walbridge & Sam'l Safford are the only ones I recollect- who were actually in the Battle- But as to this big Celebration- we marched as much as 3 miles down past the Matthews house to a certain point near the scene of the first engagement- returned in the same order- Isaac T. & his brother, now Gen'l Henry, playing in the Band of Music- under direction of our old friend Joseph Wadsworth- then of Pittstown, but until a recent date of this town- There was plenty of Martial Music also- After their return- such as chose- sat down to an excellent dinner provided by the lady of D. Henry- My father was sick that day, but nevertheless rode to the place of rendezvous with his brother Ira, myself & perhaps others

not recollected in 2 horse wagon- Staid most of the time at Mr.H's- For particulars see Smead's "World"-published here in those days. Isaac-said among the noted characters here that day-was Gen'l Erastus Root-of Albany then of H.Rep U.S.-Delegation of N.Y.- Of this place, might mention Judge J^rRob. Sam B.Young, Old Maj.Hawks-all first rate men at such a festival. My friend Isaac T. went on to relate the tragic demise of Miss Sukey Dewey in the midst of a ball held at the house of capt.Cyrus Hills' that evening where he was present. She died almost instantaneously-in her 19th year- I knew her from her childhood- had attended scholl with her many a day-under tuition of H.A.Fay. I expressed regret in the course of conversation respecting celebrations that while those

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patriots were living who partook of the dangers, toils & honors of that day- a proper committee consisting of such, had not been appointed to examine the Battle ground & designate where the most capital achievements of the day were won & then by subscription had some suitable monuments (been) erected thereon to staisfy the curious enquiries of posterity as well as foreign travellers happening to pass that way- The above subject was talked over in presence of capt Heman & JS. Robinson & D.Rockwood. The young lady mentioned was the youngest daughter of the late Loan Dewey-who departed this life-Nov 1831- & his wife Mrs S.D. who yet survives among her children at the W. Isaac T. said her sister Laura was at the ball-all the surviving members of the family were in town, I believe, at the time. Interment took place on the following Sabbath.

I was a little lost at first respecting the date of the Celebration which I conceited took place in 1809- at the same time fully aware of the date of the death of our young female friend- It all came right after a little reflection.

D.Robinson Jun was in another corner of the room conversing with some one-not known or recollected by me- Remembered his promise & paid me in full for butter deliv'd on 12th \$11.98, putting in, under some limitation, for another year's supply-expressing full satisfaction in all former and present butter dealings bewteen us-to which I returned conresponding compliments. See 3d page under date of 19th inst.. Crossed over to L.P.& Co's with David- find there black Joel-who avers upon the honor of a negro that the capt. owes him \$1-Capt. rather denies half(which) the other he pays plumply-negro explains-by stating service for his lady-is assured he would get it from her- Now I say capt.D.owned he owed him 50 cs & I believe paid it. Borrowed N.Y.Spect.of 15th inst. of L.Patchin-or rather P.L.Robinson-came home & perused Letter of N.Biddle to J.Q.Adams-Very good- Rec'd pr mail- Jour'l of Moral Reform a new publication in the McDowal Style-Not approved much by me. Said McDowal died Dec.13-in New Y-after about 10

days illness - occasioned by swelling in one of his knees. L. Dewey was cousin of my mother son of Jedediah D. first pastor of the Congregational Church in Bennington - born sometime in the year 1764. Sat up late to keep kitchen warm to prevent cheese from freezing - Read (Sinill) Smellie.

WED. DEC. 28. Continued very cold - mostly fair - but cldy in the eveg - Smoke settled low in E. Village Merc. before sunrise 16° - below 0° - Rose to 8° above within 2 or 3 hours - afterw'd. fell to 4° - then to 2° - then to 0° - Evening rose to 6° - Six lds wood drawn - besides effecting some slight repairs on sled. Spend eveg. chiefly in perusal of gov. McDuffie's Message to the Sovereign Legislature of the Sovereign State of S. Carolina. Not the M. entire, but pretty ample extracts - I should presume the spirit of it to be pretty pure Nullification. Some of it was really good - more especially in regard to Texas. Advised to let them, the Texans, alone - Amen to that - I say. Read more of Smellie.

THURSDAY, DEC 'R 29. Cloudy - rather mild until eveg - when wind haul'd round N.W. bringing up small shower of hail & snow - cleared off fine - cold increasing fast. Merc. 12° - 14° - 24° - 22° - 20° - Five lds wood again from the Grove - sweeping all that was chopped beforehand. Father generously & spiritedly assisted about getting the last. Mr. E. Fay deliv'd 10 bbls oats super quality at our shed loft - for which rec'd payment \$5 in full. To crown the labors of the day got home the trunk of a certain yellow birch tree mentioned Nov. 29 - Mrs Harwood & daughter visit the family of Hiram Waters - Mother & infant doing well - name of the child - Mary Jane. Hiram gone to Jackson, N.Y. with his niece - Miss Ann Brown. Elihu Wright obliges us with his company early in the evening - tells us he broke his axe working on the hither part of Mount Anthony for Judge L. Norton - amused himself at gunning - killed 1 rabbit - Went home pretty early - Geo. studies Paley. Hopkins Smith's Geog'y. & I Smellie on Society of Animals - Good too I should say.

FRIDAY, DEC 'R 30. Very severe - few days at this season more so - Fair - wind cuts harshly from N.W. - Merc. 4° - below Zero in the morning - Noon at 0° - Two P.M. 2° below 3. Remained much so until tow'd 8 in the evening at which time stood at 10° - same direction - At a late hour rose to about 7° - counting as before. Creatures at the barn well looked to - Cheeses turned. Cous. G. goes to Friday meeting - Reports about 40 attendants. I copied some accounts preparatory to settling with Rev'd E.W. Hooker, or Collector for his salary. & with H Waters - Eveg. spent much as usual. D. Perry draws some wood in wagon for Norman Norton - up street past this house.

SATURDAY, DEC 'R 31st. Little less cold than on the 30th - Cloudy - blows up storm of snow from S. in the evening. Merc. 4° - below in the

morning-gradually rising to 10° above zero-
toward noon 18°-in sun- Noon 10°- in shade-Eveg at 12°-
Geo. & father chop up two poplars growing in S.
meadow below cheese house- Serve 5 butternuts in
the upper orchard in the same way-besides cutting
a part of the appletree mentioned on the 25th.
Chores at the barn-done- (the part allotted me)-
Long time spent washing & shaving-blackening boots,
partially changing garments- When ready rode in
cutter with lady & son up street- Sleighing but in-
different-snow thin & uneven. At M.L.Robinson's
grocery saw Maj.Bates of Pownal doing something with
a paper which I took to be a writ- filled out by
U.M.Robinson Esqr, as I presumed, he being present-The
former,, as usual whenever he meets me, accosted me
in regard to dairying- reporting cheese to be worth
12 1/2 cs pr lb- believing it as good or better
business than wool growing. Pork low in N.Y.-\$6 pr
cw't- Rye \$1.50 pr bhl- Let my folks return without
me. Went to the Reading Room of the J.C.Haswell-
saw & conversed with him respecting Waldie's Litera-
ry Omnibus- which I agreed to take 1 year from first
Jan'y 1837- second hand-at \$1.50 paid in advance-
Paid said sum to him & took rec't for the same- spec-
ifying the why & the wherefore. He said if the pa-
per partially or wholly failed- he would make me
good for the money advanced. Questioned him in re-
lation to books-expressing a wish to purchase a sett
of the Works of Jefferson & a copy of Webster's
common large Dictionary if it be obtained reasonably.
Replied that he should try the book market soon in
Albany & would see &c- Afterwards as I was looking
over books had occasion to speak my sentiments in
regard to State Authorities giving

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Instructions to Senators of the
U.S.-to which they were very
adverse- Let that doctrine prevail & the Senate is
but a shadow- Solomon C. & a youngster present op-
posed me, but I soon dropped the subject-knowing my
inefficiency in anything like argument. Col.Merrill
soon after came in & began to talk of the mounds &
prairies & ancient remains of the far West-indica-
tions in his opinion of there having been at some
very remote period- for the Savages had no knowl-
edge of them in the least- a polished civilized race
of men entirely different from those who now inhab-
ited those regions. I agreed with him. Mr.Geo.Cat-
lin has for one written enough to prove it, so far
as those remains can go for it. M. too talked very
flattering in respect to the farming interest-show-
ing up great profits in these latter days- Much in
favor purchasing a farm for maintenance of the poor.
I though myself in favor of the same, but it takes
men who have no farms- not acquaintance of the pro-
per mode of managing- not attendant expenses- unavoid-
able failure of crops &c nor this nor that which
often comes up to darken the future prospect of the
laborious farmer- I say it takes such to sit calmly

down & coolly calculate the fat profits of the slow heavy business of farming. U.M. Rob. was there a few moments-David Jun. also. Took leave & ran into the house of B.R. Sears - Saw his mother who informed me her son was at work on a meeting house in some place not far distant in York State-would be at home probably this evening-Left immediately L. Patchin & Co's- Saw Welcome Luther & Mr. Stephen Rice from N. part of the town. Bo't & paid 37 1/2 cs for 3 yds coarse Cott. cloth for lining horse blanket. Stepp'd over to W. Hinsæill's -Anthony J. present & as usual full of innocent jokes- some of which he applied to William because he had put on old coat at that moment preparatory to setting up a stove in some apartment of the house. Paid 28 cs balance due on taxes which if not right was to be made on a future day. Paid \$1.50 for Missionary Herald 1 year closing this day. Mentioned six cts postage which he did not exact now-to be put over to another day-Took receipt for the same. He then bargained for the Savage cow- to give his promissory note with interest for \$28 payable first April next & take her away (the-sew) on Monday morning next. No mistake about payment of money when due. By way of pleasantry said he'd come & inform me 3 days before hand when about to run away. Call'd at Post Office nothing there. Stop a mom't at Sanford & Co's-see Capt A Hyde & I.T. Robinson- Enquired of Seymour Merrill if he knew any one who would sell rye-mentioned E. Fillmore Esqr, as having 60 bbls. Crossed over to the store of the late F. Blackmer- & to Martin K. Scott paid for use of Spectator or say, N. York Spectator, 1 year ending first Jan- \$2 & took acc't specifying the same. Rec'd Spect. of Dec 24 & left. Visited house of N. Waters- Saw Theodosia, Miss Lydia Harwood & Miss C. Brown to whom was introduced-tho' she had been to our house in 1830- The sick & nursing doing well- Next called at S. Chandler's- had just done shoing for C. Thatcher & about to finish another job for Nelson Thayer. both gentlemen being present. Walked into the house & shewed me his charges in less than five minutes-amount being since 20th Jan. last \$9.06. Mine overran his 6 cents- which he paid & balanced book. I held due bill of \$7.62 on the shop & he had rec'd 1 bbl cider for \$1.50- He sat down to supper & I came on foot home before sunset. Hopkins & Adeline returned after dark from E. Village after dark-had carried home Mrs L.S. Patchin whom Hopkins first bro't from N.L's grocery down to our house-where she took tea. No shoes done at J. Rog's for A.M.. Besides settling with Mr.C. gave in a/c against Mr. Hooker for money paid in July & beef in Nov amounting collectively to \$14.54-from which subtracting tax \$10 due first of Feb. left due me \$4.54 out of which directed him to take \$1 to apply in full on tax of G.P. Harwood- finally making one beforehand with the parson tow'd salary of 1837- \$3.54. Hopkins procured in E.V. 1 pt. oysters for the moderate sum of 50 cs- besides provided himself with a quantity of almonds & walnuts to celebrate New Year's Day.

Messrs J.Sibley & N ew't Bates very sociably passed a part of the evening here & took up their obligations of Nov.26-paying 6 cs & piece interest thereon. See the date for sums.

Mr.Bates seemed to enter very sanquinely into the Jacksonian discussion of the currency-Rich being made richer-the poor poorer-by means of banks & manufacturing establishments. I made a few feeble efforts to sustain the protective policy & the manufactur'g ins't generally. All moneys paid out this day amounted to \$6.45-those paid into \$24.36 1/4 cs-

SUNDAY,JAN'y 1st.1837 A real snow storm beging the year fairly-scarcely any cessation all day-It apparently comes from S.E. Merf. 22°-28°-30°- much at 32°-

All at church excepting mother & myself. Devoted a part of the morning to reading in an old copy of a small Bible-the first my father ever owned,printed,if I mistake not at Edinburgh-1784-containing the fulsome Dedication,by the translators,to James the first King of England-afterwards perused first Genesis-noting among other wonders-that woman was made at the conclusion of all our maker's labors on that stupendous occasion-when he rested to solemnize the first Sabbath on record.

My hay report I believe will be more favorable at this time than it was 1 year ago. At the conclusion of the hay season-we estimated the quantity cut at 80 tons-mostly fair quality-Stored in old barn-say 50 tons- leaving in new one 30. Commenced stabling horses, only a span,early and cows occasionally on Oct & steadily-if my recollection be right-since Nov.17. Before Dec.21 hay in new barn more than half consumed. Same day E. mow-old barn-broached- from which probably was fed out up to 31st.-2 1/2 tons- At any rate would say in old barn-47-in new 11 tons in all 58. Subsequent to Dec.12- had but 28 cows-fat one inclusive. S. half new barn nearly empty of hay-

MONDAY,JAN'Y 2. Winter reigned -most rigorously- Keen cutting N.W. wind,drifting snow moderately most of the day. Plentiful supply of snow- Too tedious for teaming unless necessity impelled imperiously- Cloudy- stormy on Green Mountains. Merc. 4°-7°-10°- above- Past 4 P.M. 2°-below ° Got up four small loads of wood near at hand-poplar & old appletree- Business suspended P.M.- Hopks st'd at home from school. Kept cows stabled all day-except letting them out to drink

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JAN'Y 2'd CONTINUED Our sister Lydia was waited upon from H.Waters' home on business of a personal nature. Gallanted by G.Godbee. D.Perry with singleteam for N.Norton drew 2 loads wood past here-getting stuck both times. Our boys assisted in extricating him. R.Mather wanted to hire \$50 to 1st Ap'l to pay Bank. Receipts for past year amounted to \$2259.74- Paymt's to \$2091.65

Cash unexpended-first in'st \$149.95- Cash a/c-
would not balance into \$18.13- I shall not attempt
much precission in stating our situation at this
date-No debts in favor of merchants. All the mechan-
ics,with exception of Hiram Waters & Betsey Street
settled with & paid off. Ten dollars would pay eve-
ry demand against us according the best of my pres't
recollection. Besides the above sum on hand-there
were \$200 let to H.Waters-Oct 11- Due first of March
next- Twenty six Deac. skins sold to J.A.French-for
\$26.40"-payable about the 27th inst. & \$28 due first
of April for Savage cow from W.Haswell. Among the
most important articles wanted-would mention 75 bbls
good rye said to be worth from \$1.12 1/2 to \$1.25-
& 32 hundred N.S. plaster-\$7 1/2 pr ton-
To know particulars of dealing- See Journal under
certain dates, Day Book and Cash Book all through.
Having read over & considered the natural inferences
to be drawn from the foregoing statement of pecuniary
concerns- I find it necessary to explain somewhat.
On the first of Jan'y 1836- Cash in hand & otherwise
as pr Cash Book \$205.13 1/4. \$205.13 1/4
Npte against H.Waters- of Nov.1,1835 \$400.00
Making in all \$605.13 1/4
which sum being substracted from \$2259.74-leaves
for actual receipts \$1654.60 3/4-

TUESDAY JAN'Y 3. No abatement of cold-Snowed
more or less all day. Wind ap-
parently at S.E.- but it held out so cold-must cred-
it to N.E.- Depth of snow computed on the level at
1 ft Merc. morning at 6° below- Knew not of its be-
ing no higher than 4° above Zero-Eight-eveg stood
at °. Three lds wood-butternut chiefly-dry apple-
tree besides drawn-made up for fuel the present sea-
son 51 loads-exclusive of a small quantity hauled up
by waggoning. Hopkins out of school- It was decided
to repair the light lumber sleigh ready for getting
ready for plaster in Troy. In the evening read Bâair-
on Eloquence-or rather was so employed P.M.-Evening
perused 2d Genesis-The Fall of Man- Contemplated the
nature of the fair sex- who are proverbially opposed
to rules & regulations-apt to lead honest dull plod-
ding men into a snare- quick to divulge a secret,
but withal very pretty-very useful & altogether nec-
essary to the propagation of the species- Few at
this day would withstand the temptation offered to
our original Mother by the wily Serpent,better than
she did. Also read Bigland on the only early Histo-
ry of Assyria,Babylon,Media &c- William Haswell
sent his son to inform me he would pay waht was
right for keeping the Savage cow until the first
warm day- Agreed to.

WEDNESDAY JAN'Y 4- Pleas't good weather for busi-
ness-slight wind & that rather .
variable- Mercury only 9° below zero- tow'd noon 18°
or 20°-above in sun-10°- sunset-8° eveg. Geo. &
self rode to E.Village-calling at J.Hicks' by the
way to get horse blanket trimmed for which after-
wards paid surcingle inclusive-\$1.29- Went to said

village-At Deac. Winslow's took neap out of wood sled & had it fix'd into sleigh-to which were added slight repairs-Left suitable timber for making new neap for sled to be executed by Mr.Everett. During stay there saw Hamlin the miller-who told me S.Lawrence had disposed of his rye. Visited shop of J.Rogers-no shoes done for Adeline- George Godfrey was then present-waiting for completion of 2 pairs- Came all the way from Shaftsbury on Monday to procure them-Jno. had tried all over the Village to buy,but could not-were not to be had. Present Mr.Deming & Mr. Sharp- The former commenced speaking very fully in favor of the late speech of Mr. Wise-H'o Rep-from which slid along to the subject of woolgrowing-then to the farm of S.H.Brown-the amount of property owned by him & finally back to a history of the cap't Hinman estate including the great Suits at Law in which it was involved for so many years- say from sometime in the Summer of 1811 to Feb'y 1825. Meantime Erastus Montague came in & as he was intimately acquainted with the leading facts in controversy-joined in conversation & among other things mentioned a circumstance-till then unknown to me,or at any rate not recollected. He said at the final trial at Manchester-1825-he never felt worse for any man than he did for my father while delivering his testimony before Court & Jury- he had no difficulty until he was cross-examined,when one of John Hinman's Attorneys-by asking questions in a cunning artful way-let him,unawares,to contradict himself-which when he came to see it,cut the old gentleman down dreadfully for a few moments-But he said the Judge(Aiken) interposed-seated the attorney forthwith & said my father had then testified exactly as he had done,according to former minutes taken 4 or 5 years before-so that it in really did no mischief. At night after getting home-I made enquiry of my father in relation to this thing & he assured me our friend M. was highly erroneous in his statements. He told me his main testimony,which at best had a slight bearing on the case,was delivered in without the slightest interruption or contradiction. The trouble was this-my father was conveyed home,that is to Rupert by one of the Jurors- Philo Harwood-where he spent the Sabbath,while this suit was pending-& returned to Manchester with him the Monday Morning ensuing,which circumstance became known to Counsel for J.Hinman. It was purposefully mentioned by his cousin that no conversation should be had between them relative to the suit-as a caution to begin with so in fact it was rigidly adhered to. But just as he was through the celebrated Geo.Davis of Hoosick,N.Y. att'y for J.H.- did put to him 2 or 3 questions-the last of which was if he had not had some conversation with one of the Jurors ? Answered in th affirmative-and after a little pause-added- but that it was not about this suit. It being a question rather unlooked for-he was some embarrassed in making his reply-So much for this affair. E stated as to himself,got along smoothly,but my father says he did not-was put to

his trumps a good deal-not, apparently, knowing well what to say. It was more to spoil a jurymen than anything else that caused the afrosaid question to be put by opposite counsel. Returned to shop of Deac. W-assisted in launching sleigh again. Coming down street saw Ira Fillmore all capp'd & cloak'd-made enquiry respecting rye-said his father & J. Nelson had it to sell-

1837 Bennington, Jan'y 5-1837. Could call on his father at S. Weeks'-Did so-learned his price was 7/6 Told me breadstuffs were so scarce-ought not to feed cows with rye. Ran into Dewey & Waters'-asked for hearth brushes-Shewed two very shammy ones-would not buy- Kept on our way to Vail's-Found family including old folks in their pleasant kitchen-well warmed by stove. John W. extended on settee-having bad cold. His wife enquired if we made use of a thermometer in making cheese? Told her we did not. She tho't we did-supposed the cost of one must be about \$5-I instructed her better than that. They spoke of a piece in the Cultivator on dairying-desired me to see it & for that end lent me the Dec. No. The rye question underwent some discussion. They had rec'd recent information that the price in Troy was \$1.25 Went to the barn-Saw a large quantity in the chaff as well as in the bundle-made up our minds that the quality was decent for the present year-Almost persuaded to contract-wanted more time to see how prices were. Came up to the house-talked it over-nearly came up to a declaration that I would give 7/0 & say no more about it-At last marched off saying I wanted time to study upon it. John saying that his chance should be as good as mine-Got to the sleigh-held short consultation-returned into the house & told them I would take 75 bbls rye at their barn, at 7 shillings-mainly to be removed on Saturday next & came away. Met Safford Robinson-in cutter I believe-to whom paid 50 cs in full for use of oxen in Nov, last-Got home before dark. Hopks out of school-bro't home horse blankets from J. Hicks'-Sd. money mentioned other side of this sheet-was paid as we returned from V's- Got Spect. Dec. 27 at store of F. Blackmer-in which is Message of the President concerning Texas-

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 5. In the main fair-Rather mild-hazy tow'd night. Merc. 2°-10°-22°-25°-13°-eveg-or say at sunset & 7°-in the eveg. Geo. off in good season for Troy to get plaster. Choring & chopping occupied the time of father & self- Hopk goes to school. Read Message of the Pres't Dec. 21. Should not like to go to war for Texas. Care but little for them. Looked at Maps-perused some Geographical articles in the evening. My mother this day became 71 years of age-had lived in Bennington upw'd of 60 years-mostly on this farm-was married in April 1786.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 6. High N.W. wind-snow flying merrily-drifting considerably-

here in Bennington but not so tow'd Troy as reported by Geo - Merc. 4°-10°- 14°-12°- Kept house chiefly-cows stabled too- only giving them chance to drink. Perused Letters of Junius written to Lord Mansfield & others- Oct Nov & Dec 1769- Sharpshooting in earnest. It was well for the British Nation that such a writer dared to speak out in that day of corruption. Wife repaired grain bags- Geo. arrived from Troy with 3 tierces plaster. bo't of Steam mill Co. at 40 cs pr hundred- Am't of bill \$7.22-expenses -98cs-Total \$8.20. Bo't fine broadcloth for go-to-meeting coat at V & D Marvin's for himself-trimmings inclusive. I shovel'd road in lane in certain places to enable team to get through. Hopkins returned from school with letter from cous Adeline Palmer-lady of Timothy Russell Palmer. Dated Dec. 25- & Jany 1, 1837 New Haven C. in reply to mine of Dec 1- & pretty fully too in regard to old Branford friends formerly known to my lady- Very lively-full of information required & well seasoned with droll allusions & queer jokes.

SATURDAY JAN'Y 7. Some like Friday in respect to weather, but more mild, cldy-wd N W. Merc. 12°-23°- perhaps 14°- or 16°- at sunset. Geo. & Hopkins managed team & sleigh & got 2 lds rye from Mr. Vail's- 25 bbls each- Wm. Haswell came down accompanied by his son in cutter to take away the Savage cow. Talked very kindly to mother in opposition to Abolitionism & Intemperance- Put in my hands a note of hand for \$28 due first of April next dated 2d inst, according to previous agreement. Agreed to pay \$1 extra for keeping & drove off said beast- receiving assistance from me as far as S.H. Brown's- The old cow had not been let out of the stable for many days- on gaining her liberty- capered & kick'd up her heels like a calf. This business occurred late in the morning. The infirmity of the creature was well known to my friend. Geo. afterwards saw Brooks butchering her. About sunset Mr. H. came to see me- wanted to be let up on the contract- stating that against the place wherein she was so dreadfully hook'd Oct 12- an ulcer had accumulated containing matter the most nauseous- occasioning the loss of about 15 lbs of meat in the neighborhood of it- that the whole carcass consequently did not fatten as well for the same reason that her liver grew tight to one side (of the ribs-) only 40 lbs tallow in the rough-reputation of the beef so injured could not sell it except at low prices -going to be sadly disappointed- could only with a part of it pay off some old shingle debts- The quarter affected, should nearly give away by letting it go to Angeline Selden, who I took it after all, he owed. Geo. had seen it & c- He made the matter appear in so unfavorable a light that I supposed that I must submit altogether to his terms. He argued that this was no better than the first (the)- cow he bo't of us. I wanted advice- I wanted time for reflection- Geo. had not yet arrived- having seen, could exercise some judgment as to the value of the property- Haswell took me in an

unguarded moment-making a strong appeal to my honor which he knew I wished to preserve untarnished. The alternative presented by him was-that he would return the beef,hide & tallow & receive \$2 for his trouble or I might let him keep it by reducing my price to \$20- the most he felt willing to give-under impressions thus discouraging-chose the latter-When G. arrived-he told me he saw the beef & that it was handsome- M.S.Norton was about buying a hind quarter-should not hkmself spleen against it at all. G thought I had given in more than was right-didn't think I ought to have lost more than was cut off in the region of the ulcer. At most it was his opinion & he had so advised H. to first weigh & sell the beef in the best manner he could-report the same to me & if it appeared he was going to be the loser-I would do what was right about it. In the course of the conversation held between him & me I frankly told him as he purchased upon my judgment of what she would weigh-if she should have-gone under-I meant to give in something-But had no idea of making such a sacrifice.

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The foregoing being a faithful statement of facts I have only to add that in this as in many instances in matters of deal occurring since I have done business-rashness & precipitance have marked my course. My philosophy would hardly permit me calmly to swallow & digest a discount on property to such extent without wincing or in some way discovering symptoms of distress. A loss of only ten dollars-let it go. \$9 by H & \$1 paid Dr.Sam for attendance..

SUNDAY JAN'Y 8. Moderate-some wind from N-cldy-Merc. 16°-30°-20°) New Orleans
Battle fought 22 years ago this day. Wrote much-read very little- All at church excepting mother & self- went in 2 horse sleigh-bro't aunt Theodosia home from H Waters'. Just after dark arrived Henry H.Parsons from Hoosick Falls,N.Y. with his lady- All well in general therewith the exception of the lady of Hiel Parsons who was very low- Aunt Ruth-Henry's mother was nursing her. After making us a lively little visit these people started about 9 in the eveg on their return,in cutter,to the Falls. Said when they came away-only calculated on coming to H.Corners- when arrived there Henry proposed Bennington & it was adopted. We strongly pressed them to spend the night with us,but no-they must go at all events-not having arranged affairs at home in any manner to admit of staying all night. Mariah manifested the most vehement desire to go home.. We told them we should expect them or some others from H. next Saturday night. Sleighing said to be good at this time. S. end E haymow about used up.

MONDAY JAN'Y 9. Calm,steady wint.weather-
Wd.mainly N-Merc 20°-25°-10°-
Up a few minutes past 4-Boys start for Troy in good

season- Send small quantity of appletree timber saw'd fit for making joiner's tools-accomp'd by line to F.W.Coffin requesting him to make sale of the same as well as he could-give capt.Waters & lady \$1 apiece out of the proceeds-if anything remained over & above-to keep it until he should hear from me-promising to ~~hammer~~ remunerate him for his trouble-Compliments to all.. Felt uneasy & dissatisfied respecting business with W Haswell. Sent billet by father- He came down-talked the matter over-My mind was changed-Felt his situation to be delicate- He had given away to the needy both forequarters outright-Sold the hide which weighed 70 lbs,for \$3.50-Tallow on hand-40 lbs-Willing to do whatever I should deem right-Told him we would put it over to next day when the team would return from Troy- I agreed to take the hind quarters-He departed in friendship-Doing somewhat without usual rest-gave dull insipid feeling. In the evening wrote letter to Miss Mariah Wells-Greenfield,Ms- Requesting her to look up a girl to work for us next season- Told her what sort.

TUESDAY JAN'Y 10. Weather not over severe-snowed moderately-say from 10 to 12. Remained more or less cldy through the day. Merc. 12°-32°-not observed at night. DFather employed himself in sawing & splitting wood- the order of the day with us- My province was to keep affairs snug at the barn- Rec'd assistance very kindly & ingeniously from Adeline M.in letting cows into stables according to order- Not an unusual occurrence of late. Afternoon marched up to attend Town meeting-the object of which was to see if the Town would instruct the Selectmen to borrow of the Trustees of the Surplus Fund \$6000 to be laid out in purchasing a farm for the support of the poor. Met Geo. & Hopkins returning from Troy- Got to the Court House too late to hear the arguments-However had an opportunity to vote-going on the affirmative-on which side it was carried by a large majority. Meeting not over numerous-but very respectable-went on candidly-Dr.N.Swift moderator- Adjourned-Sine Die- Went to Bennington Book Store- Heard S.Scott Sen pronouncing terrible imprecations against banking & all engaged therein without distinction-wishing the destruction of every institution of the kind in the U S- immediately & final-& I do not know but that he included the whole world! Poor man- I suspect he little tho't of the consequences that would follow the consumation of a wish so full of mischief. And it may be too if he spared some of his breath,spent thus, & applied himself heretofore more closely to business in his shop he would have seen less occasion for belching forth such inflated bombast. Ira Armstrong,S.Clark & others present. Called on & settled with W.Haswell Esqr-respecting beef-receiving from him \$8-for hide & tallow also delivering up hind quarters which were supposed to be worth \$12- Bringing it up to his offer on Saturday night. He proposed perfect willingness to comply with such terms as I should prescribe I viewed it as an unfortunate affair to both parties

& in consideration of all circumstances-would exact
~~peet~~ no more- at the same time had my friend discov-
ered symptoms of dishonesty-or had he been more able
to bear losses-I should have exacted more. My loss
may be set down to \$10. Procured Spect.of Dec.30 &
Jan 3 in which spent the evening reading. Rode from
Wid. Blackmer's to Parson Hill with Judge L Norton-
with whom as usual,enjoyed much conversation. Boys
bo't in Troy 1528 lbs plaster-Knott cap & Buckskin
mittens for Hopkins- 1/2 doz.Shaker Brooms at Arnold's
price \$2-Some Cologne for Adeline- Bill in full
\$10.11 1/2 - Travelling expenses throughout \$1.05
Total \$12.16 1/4- They came in company with E.Arms-
trong & others. Armst'y bo't up 300 lb specie for
Bennington Bank. Put letter to Miss Wells in P.Offie
Of the Bill above- \$6.11 were pd for N.S.Plast-to
Rundell & Co \$2.25 for cap & 69 for mittens-6 1/4
for Cologne.

WED, JAN'Y 11th. Blowing chilly day from N.W.
Snow drifted some-Cloudy-un-
pleasant- Merc. Believed to be at 18°-28°- or 30°-24°-
Geo. drove me to Deac. S.Hinsdill's- Saw in store
Dan'l Fuller-Demas Robinson, Col. F.Brackenridge,
Uriah Edgerton Esqr-son Dan'l W- W Webb- W.Hinsdill
& others. Exchang'd compliments with most of these.
Col. B remarking that it was our fortune to meet
once a year there- Called on Norman Edgerton who was
in the house with the Deac. The latter withdrawing
on my intimating a wish to communicate something se-
cret to the former. Told all the facts relative to
the beef- would as lief have it as any other- sorry
he could not have had the whole of it- knew the com-
mon prejudices-but in reality not injured at all. I
told him he could take 1 quarter at \$5-feeling then
as if I would keep the other. Should anything turn
out unfavorabl~~r~~by bad report- I would bear the loss.
Geo. having visited Mr.Jackson on business-came up
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Hill to Mr.Vail's-found rye-rea-
dy put up-H enry, the Paddy-al-
most done thrashing- Loaded the article-Called at
the house & paid over for rye in full to J W Vail-
87 1/2 dollars-taking receipt for the same in his
own hand-This wife came near doing the same-he not
being immediately present at first. Gave invitation
to visit. Told him I did not believe he could have
done better with his rye at this time-to which he
assented-but let me know also that had it not been
for setting his price as at first- I should have
fared not quite so well. Came home direct. Geo.
Hopkins & Adeline go to E.Village-procure boots for
the latter, paying \$1 for the making, at shop of J.
Rogers- learn that that gentleman had left his
bench for the teamster's seat, under employment of
Leonard Godfrey, for a season- took in tow woodshod
sled from Deac.Winslow's-new neap inserted by S.
Everett- Looked for but could not find the old one,
taken from the Scott sleigh-suspicious of Everett

having made stove wood of it. Conveyed from Haswell's slaughter, both quarters beef to deac. Hinsdill's- weighed but 222 lbs-falling short 90 cs- of making up \$20 for cow. Boys returned with Ad.M. in course of the evening-complaining of cold weather Hopks not at school-Spent a part of the evening looking over acc't Books to see how business stood between D.Clark & me- Made settlement in full with him Dec.17 1830 & Jan'y 2, 1833 at the latter of which owed me \$2.01-have had no final settlement since- presume he owes me now from 50 to 75 cs. I mention this in consequence of an inquiry by D.Robinson Jun'r to ascertain in what manner I paid for Gazette-1830 & 31. In the Spring of the former year let Heman Robinson have \$1's worth butter tow'd it, he being one of the Company at whose expense it was then published. Remainder of 1830 paid Clark as may be seen in acc't book Dec.17 For the paper-1831-account to Clark-who had now, so capt.D informed me, formally instituted suit against said Company.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 12. Mild until 4 P.M. then commenced snowing & blowing heavily from N.W- very tedious 2 or 3 hours-Cleared up very cold in the eveg.

Father this day completed his 75th year-in good health & even flow of spirits-doing good day's work at chopping, sawing & riving wood for fuel. Merc. 22°-28°-18°- Geo & self procured bass saw-log at foot of the hill leading S. up the Gulf. Conveyed to S.Walbridge's mill by the former. Hopkins returned from the Academy at night with letter from J C Presho-Dated Natchez, Miss, Dec.7, 1836- where arrived 2d Nov. Not established in business agreeably to his wish until time of writing when he was about to commence in place lately vacated by his friend Corbiere-at \$600 annually-everything found-equal to \$950-provided he were not so found. Letter rather brief-but taken altogether very interesting- Shall give an answer at no distant day. D.Perry & Benj.Fay drew wood past here. Second Bbl flour broached since Nov'r 7. Buckwheat flour nearly gone.-Day Bk pg.9

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 13. Cold-not to extreme-Fair-Wd N.W. Good for sleighing.

Merc. 10°- 23°- in sun 16°-in shade- Mountains frosty down to a certain height- Continued logging- Two logs conveyed to saw mill at W's- two bro't to the house ready for early start next morning. John Hicks Esqr receives his pay in full for altering Dutch single harness over into hames- \$3-pr Hopkins- Attempts were made this P.M. for going to Hinsdill's proved a failure. Adeline consequently some displeased on account of being put to trouble of exchanging dresses. Make beginning of reading Church History by Mosheim. Late in the evening pleased myself reading one of the Letters of Common Sense- Addressed to the Brit. Commissioners-1778-

SATURDAY JAN'Y 14.. Fair-Very cold-Rather ~~elamca~~ calm-Wd.N- Merc.15°-below Zero-

afterwards 4 & 5 above-10°- the highest- 3°-below zero at sunset-down to 12°-by Nine eveg. Four logs carried off to mill as above this day- one of which was poplar-total 8-marked with my brand- Father performed something at his daily task- kept in on account of cold- Commenced reply to Preshe-made but little progress when reception of company interrupted- Uncle S. Robinson & cous Albert G. Harwood- besides Deac. Deac. E. Fay- distributor of "More than 60 Reasons for going to Church"- The two former, after examination of lame cow by uncle S. R. took leave carrying off aunt Theodosia in the bargain. Evening read through annual Message of Gov. Marcy- Pretty good-but pretty strongly spiced with Jacksonism- to suit the parties-- palates of the party no doubt- Gave one or two violent thrusts at the late U.S. Bank. Read more C. History.

SUNDAY JAN'Y 15. Very cold morning-Fair until tow'd night-then became some cldy- Merc'y 15°- & 14°- below Zero- from 5°-to 12°- during the day above °- 5°-at sunset. Reported to be at 17°- below in town's street. Read a few lines more in C. History. Attended to writing as usual- Father, mother & self absentees from church. Looked in Gordon's (Army) America there was an account of an intended action between Admiral Darby & the combined Fleets of France & Spain. Sept 1781-Ps. 236, 237. No preaching at the meeting house-Mr. Hooker gone.

MONDAY JAN'Y 16. Fair & hazy-Wd. N.- apparently getting more mild. Merc. 4°- 43°-in sun-18°- in shade. Got 2 lds wood. P.M. cut black oak-some might call it red oak. on knoll S. of the S.W. section of upper orch'd-Good timber- procured 2 logs for sawing. Hopkins at school. Wrote acc'ts, evening- Quantity corn shell'd for mill.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 17. Fine morning. rather moderate- afterwards-cold increased all day- Merc. 8°-53°- in sun-20°- in shade-Zero in the evening. Geo. off in the morning with 2 oak logs to Walbridge's mill. P.M. waited upon family to store of S. Hinsdill-buying bill of goods amounting to \$8.40 including calico for Eliza K. Warren-\$1.60 tow'd which she advanced \$1 in money- William Hinsdill waited upon us- Got \$7 Benn. bill changed-among bills rec'd-found in the eveg-or at some time perhaps a day later-one of \$1-Commercial Bank. Kingston U. Canada- William did this too-say innocently or designedly-hope the former. Paid tow'd goods \$2.31 in Store(Orders) Due bill. Store pretty full of company, Saw Demas Robinson who came on business in relation to meeting house-which he transacted with the principal clerk-N. Edgerton-who also by request computed interest on \$400 Note against H. Waters-from Mar. 1st to 4th June-1836-endorsements off-Interest due \$3.53-if I rightly understood him. D. Rob. view'd my escapes from Hull & Boon to be very lucky indeed.

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Transacted some business with B.W. Jackson-paying 87 1/2 cs for soling mockasins for G.P. Harwood-agreeing to pay for making father's boots-\$2 1/2 dollars-first of Feby-Boots not quite finished. Came by Dr. S. Rob's where an errand was done pr Hopkins-to aunt Theodosia-All well. On C.H. Hill bo't at N.L. Robinson's 1 lb tea of young Albro-Price 75 cs-Old Mr. Pool present-Nathan gone to Troy. No Omnibus at J.C. Haswell's yet. J.C. absent at Sandy Hill-to secure a demand against the person or persons who had employ'd him in printing Cobb's Spelling Books &c-about breaking down. Solomon at his trade. Procured Poulson's Phil's Paper of late date in which was a letter from the Spy in Washington giving the alarm to manufacturers respecting the Compromise Law-which certain characters in Congress were determined to undermine & destroy. Bo't & paid for goods at L. Patchin & Co's 55 cs-Entered in Day B-page 62- Home by dark- In the evening rec'd visit from Mrs E. Wrisley -sons Masoh & Jehn-H- Sam H. & daughter Martha- Presho's letter was read to her-liked it well. Sold her Adeline's new calfsk boots at \$1.87 1/2-payable at sight. Mason became very uneasy before going home-which they did in U Hicks' cutter-about 9 in the evening. Adeline visited Mrs Brown this evening-by invitation.

WED. JAN'Y 18.

Very fair-wind mainly N-Merc. Morn'g. 10°- below & afterwards from 12°- to 15°- above Zero- Sunset 7°-. B.R. Sears commenced building gates-assisted by G.P. Harwood- New barn floor was their shop- Father assiduously operated on woodpile. Chores & writing made up my principal occupation. Drew receipt for \$12 in full for- I am wrong- Did that on the 19th. The three lines above as far as the rec't are wrong. Three loads of wood, including 2 beech saw logs, were procured in the græve. Late in the day Geo. Hopkins & Adeline rode off in cutter, after Charley, to E. Village- where leaving Ad. at Miss Hervey's-proceed to Doolittle's-thence to the Furnaces-Looked about too find Mr. D. in so doing saw the newmF- At length saw the man & bo't of him, in my name, his scale beam- of 1992 lbs & appurtenances at \$12 cash- to be sent to the mill- Got scale beam at Colvin's & returned home forthwith-Ad. inclusive. Fine clear moonlight evening. Looked over old music-afterwards- Congressional Journal-1788- Congress not great in those days Spent about an hour writing to Presho- So gradually kept filling up that important document-

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 19.

Steadily cold-Hazy-Cldy-Wd-N. Merc'y 4°- below Zero in the morning-afterwards rose to 16°-above-fell to 7°- about sunset-2°-late in the evening. B R Sears begins gates-G P Assisted him. Hopkins goes to E Village in cutter-carries \$12 in money to Doolittle's mill- Hamlen signs rec't for Doolittle-the same having been drawn by me & sent with the money- Considered the contract a fair one for the parties. Instructions are forwarded to Henry Norton

for making gate hangings & rivets-caps inclusive. After getting back from E.V. Hopkins conveys 2 beech logs to Walbridge's-increasing the No to 12 at sd. mill- Spent half a day making additions to letter addressed to J.C.Presho- Hopkins came home by E.Village-bringing from H Norton's irons spoken for in the morning. Lent cutter to N.Norton-Supposed he wanted it to gallant the bride abroad in-Having been married on the inst. to Miss Dorcas Estey-E.Village. Hopkins also went under proper instructions to deac.S.Hinsdill's & got gown pattern for his mother-same kind of calico as that bo't for Adeline. Perused Church Hist. Evening-

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 20 Fair & rather mild-Merc. 4°-below°
22°-above-18°- B R Sears & G PH
worked at gates-day & evening, besides hanging outside door to kitchen. the old door being made to fit- See Dec.21. Completed letter to Presho- Ought to give the outlines here-but saving no copy-can't do it correctly- Endeavored to make it interesting to him-as no doubt on many items-it will be. It was a history of occurrences in Bennington and Troy among friends well acquainted with him-since he left in Sept- Marched up street and deposited the same in the Post Office- B.F.Fay accompanied me from P.O. along the walk until opposite his store-Spoke of taking off tarriff-to which he appeared friendly- I said something on the other side- He talked as if it would favor the poor- I remarked that there was a great deal of whining hypocrisy played off at Washington-respecting that class in community-Saw Sam'l Fay Esqr & Allen Brown conversing together in front of L.Patchin's store.Walked in-bespoke nails; Norfolk Latch & screws. Capt A.Hyde, capt.Henry Robinson & Hiram Scott-comfortably seated by store. Brown came in-I went on errand to B R Sears'- Saw young Shaw who stated that in settlement with H. Waters'-my journey to Petersburg Corners was put down at \$1-told him it was enough-Returned to store Got \$VII Bill changed receiving specie in payment-allowing 60 out for goods)Latch 25-Nails 27-Screws 4cs- Mr.A Brown reported that our dairying friends who sold on Cr-to his namesake in Williamstown had as yet rec'd none of their pay-which was to have been rec'd ere this. They seemed to think I had hit it about right in getting mine on delivery-Mentioned the Canada money to P.L.Robinson-who replied it was not current about here. Capt.Hyde said in allusion as I took it, to my prudent management-said I was going to have a Guardian put over me the coming year season. Replied that I needed one. On return-rec'd Spect at Blackmer's- made short call at H.Waters'- the sick & young were in the kitchen-getting on slowly-under care of sister Lydia- Overtaken by Hopkins against the barns of old Dr.Swift place- Evening perused paper-saw report of British Consul of N.Y. respecting the dreadful shipwreck of the Mexico on Hemst'd Beach-Long Island-on the 2d inst-one of the most heart rending scenes on Record- C.F.Sears came down & conveyed his brother home in cutter-his lady

indisposed. Hopkins attended school at Academy-on Friday & Saturday-the last only 1/2 day.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 21. Cloudy-stormy-Gradually arose one of the most furious snow storms this country is heir to-though to be sure up to the end of this day-not to a height at all extra-Commenced snowing moderately about 9 A.M. sometimes fast-sometimes slow-say from N.E. Mercury 26°-31°-26° Two excellent large gates-rivettted complete-finished -kitchen floor repaired. Cost of gates estimated in money-at \$7 a piece when ready to swing- Found weight of one of them to be 114 lbs- G. complained of bad cold. See Aug 27- on acc't of Shaw.

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21st in the morning paid Miss Betsey Street 19/0 in specie- last of which was for making coat & vest for father- \$2.50 for the former-50 cs for the latter-1/0 on old score-(Dec 6) D.Perry drew some wood-bro't home cutter in which Adeline & Hopkins rode to E.Village-didn't raise hood at Miss Hervey's-Called at N.Robinson's-got home fore part of the evening.. Arrived here from Williamstown-Ms-in stage-cousin Margaret Harwood in good health-friends in that place doing well- had resided there since Oct.8.

SUNDAY-JAN'Y 22. Snow storm in all its majesty raged all night & thro' the day- accompanied by a most furious & constant blast of NW wind which piled the snow in drifts-pigmy mountains high-In severity have rarely witness'd its parallel- certainly not the present season-1/4 past 4 P.M. snowing more rapidly than ever. Merc. 10^A-12°-17°- No going to church- Cattle kept up all day-drink carried to them in pails-Employed much as usual- with pen & books.

MONDAY JAN'Y 23. Flying clds-violent gusts snow & then from N.W- Died away about 3 P.M. Merc. 10^A-35°- in sun-17°- or 18°-in shade 10°- eveg. Snow dreadfully piled up in our vicinity- Immense drifts-front of new barn- S.E. quarter of wood shed-S end of the house-even above the S room windows-running obliquely across the gate way opening into the ~~barn~~ lane-which last also was blown full of snow-or at any rate-more so than for many years before. Made slight attempt to dig through- but finding it next to impossible-quitted it & laid a track through the N' meadow after passing the new barn- opening rail fence into Clark's orchard- thence to the N.E.. quarter of said orchard-through half wall into lane-thence by poplars to the public highway- the principal employment of the day being the digging way through drifts-to gain communication with the county road- No passing S of Parsons hill. Father took an equal part in the exercises of the day-Boys rode horses up & down to break path. In the evening perused some portion of Church History little of Philosophy & so much of British Naval History in Gordon-as relates to Admiral Keppel's command

in the season of 1778-Cousin Margaret amused us with many amusing anecdotes. Wife busy making dress- Adeline takes copy of sprigs on Cous. Marg's French Cape.

TUESDAY JAN'Y 24. Calm-cloudy-wind, if any, N-
Snow'd little-evening-Merc. 8°-26°-
30°) in sun 22°-15°- evening.

Geo. drives horses before sleigh to E. Village-gets Adeline's hood at Miss Hervey's for which is paid 96 cs-buys 1/2 G, raw Lin. Oil at L P & Co's-pays cash-4/0 Gets home past noon- I performed more at shovelling road. Evening read remarks of Mr. Lawrence in opposition to Mr. Cambrelleng's celebrated Anti-Tariff Report-Good- Mr. Clay spoke in Senate against Treasury Order- about same time- Jan. 17- William Haswell Esqr. came to enquire of my father respecting the marriage of the late Alexander Brush to Ruth the eldest daughter of the late Jonas Fay Esqr- She having through her attorney made application to friend H. for proof of (this) this & other facts to be used in getting pension under the Act of July-1836- Requested me to be qualified as Justice of the Peace as it would be convenient in taking the deposition of my father-on calling another day- Mrs L.S. Patchin-gallanted by hired man-called late P.M.. Very bad getting through drifts. On Friday, the 20th omitted mentioning a visit from Miss Betsey Harwood & her sister Mariah-waited upon in cutter by their brother-about 18 years of age- The first in far better health than when I saw her about 1 year ago.. Made present of some provisions when they left-Reported their parents to be in bad health- Judah Harwood-their father-was born sometime in the year-1775-Wife's name-Dodge.

WED. JAN'Y 25. Broken clds-wind principally N-
Pretty severe morning- Merc. 1°-
12°- after sun was behind W mountain. Ten at night-
at Zero- Most extraordinary N. Lights-displayed all evening-showing up a crimson red very much in appearance like clouds reflecting rays of the sun-either rising or setting- Its beauty & sublime grandeur no pen can possibly portray. B R Sears-builds steps for getting into waggons-makes long double whippetree & settee for kitchen-boils oil in the evening & with tools waited upon home by George P. Harwood in cutter- I conveyed father in cutter to H. Waters'-drove to E. Village-myself-Chief of the time at store of John Norton Esqr. Made proposals about putting off Cider mill to him for large cider tub in exchange-Said he would think of it- Said he was in New York last October when I was, Visited Institute-saw many curiosities that were noticed by me-Came up the River on Friday night. At this place saw Mr. Grover Sen'r, Mr. Gore, Mr. Elisha Downs, Tavern Keeper Thompson & others- The last spoke of Caleb Brown having lost large quantity of green cheese bo't up last season-his not having paid for dairies bo't in our vicinity-such as L & E Jewett, Ovaitt & others. Called on his hon. Judge L. Norton at his shop office-

where he kindled good fire in box stove-conversed with usual animation & administered oath of office to me. Among subjects, talked over were events in Revolution in which his father took part-leading to the suggestion from me of the propriety of his mother's applying to the proper authorities for a pension-Making him acquainted with the History of the Scotch Rebellion-1745-46-requested the loan of the book-which I engaged to do-sending the same by Elihu Wright. Returned to store-making short tarry-Came up to Centre Village- Buckley Squires riding with me as far as Dewey & Waters' store-telling me had raised family of 9 children-wife born-Jan'y 1791-reared in our neighborhood -married Jan'y 27, 1814- John C Haswell let me have first & 2d No's Waldie's L.Omnibus- At L P & Co's bo't stuff to put in (paint) oil preparatory to boiling-paid-~~50~~5cs- (5 cs) D. Robinson Jun'r spoke of the bad conduct of Darius Clark in regard to Gazette-1830-31- enquiring how I paid for it during that time-desiring me to testify to the same-if necessity should require it- Told him I hoped it would not.

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Bo't of M.K.Scott 2 Sks S silk for which pd 0/9-Crossed over to Betsey Street's- leaving pantaloons to be made for father-promised to pay without giving trouble of coming after it- Made safe return with father about sunset.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 26. Cold-some cldy-little Wind-N. Merc. 12°-below-18°- above highest known-10°- or 11°- at sunset-2°- past ten evening Geo. paints wagon steps & gates-first time-Assists in getting up hams & suspending the same in smoke house-the last having been cleared by me for that purpose-Father saws wood-writes his name repeatedly for exercise in penmanship-succeeds very handsomely-E. haymow old barn devoured-25th-Commenced foddering off mow-N.W. section new barn this day-Quantity of hay on hand computed at 30 tons-10 in new-20 in old-barn-Feeling some alarm respecting the supply- we resolved on retrenchment-therefore entered up on the scheme of weighing-allotting to each cow about 14 lbs pr day- to horses what they required without limitation- Computed however at least to equal that of 3 cows- Evening perused "Gabrielli"-a lively story of the 18th Century-in the Omnibus- All liked it much better than the Confessions of an elderly Gentleman- By Lady Blessington- Gabrielli & characters of her day-were real-no fiction-tho' the story is highly wrought.

JAN 25th Geo. rec'd letter from J.A.Wight, dated Chicago (Ill) Jan'y 2d- Doing well being in the land agency-Offered many alluring proposals to G. to induce him to go there next sea's- Also a letter from aunt Lucy Waterman to aunt Sarah Robinson of recent date was sent us for perusal-

Husband had undergone much pain from erysipelas in arm. Very religious. "Sport" the little dog-very playful this evening- Computed numb. days to fodd'r to 10th May- 104 days-

FRIDAY JAN'Y 27.. Very chilly S wind-cldy-thaw expected-Merc.4°-22°-26°-

Some time spent in removal of snow from woodpile- Sawing wood continued by father- Geo.pursued same businessduring remainder A&M. Waited upon ladies to H.Waters' in sleigh P.M.-proposed to going to Friday meeting-but there was none- They returned about dark Those ladies were-wife & daugh. & cous.Margaret-Hopkins came from school with them- My main occupation was that of making a "Watch"-as much as to day-a frame on which to weigh hay . In N.Y.Columbian of Feb. 1818 read Mr.Clay's Celebrated Speech on the Seminole War-pronounced in H. of Rep. Jan'y 20-same year- I do wrong in saying- Read said Speech- It was only a part. N.Y.Spect.of present month 20th was published the Senatorial Act of Expunction of the Resolution of 28th March 1834 censuring the president for removal of Deposits from Bank U.S.A. or Bk U.States-in the fall of 1833. Drawing black lines around that portion of the Jour'l of the Senate was a businessbeneath the dignity of that august body & is a severe commentary on our boasted Republican Institutions- showing the tyranny of party-whose dictation is as irresistible as that of the greatest despots in existence- The Senate of March 1834 were determined not to submit silently to Executive encroachments- Benton had to give up his denial of the right of the Senate to pass that Resolution in order to carry Expunction. In the paper of same date is Mr.Cambreleng's Anti-Tarrieff Report at full length Mice over N. cheese cupboard had invaded Newspapers lying there loose.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 28. Snowy from the E. until about noon very damp-wind veered to N or N.E. blowing up pretty lively-drifting snow good deal- Merc.30°-32°-27°- Machine for weighing hay completed-& hay weighed therein-189 lbs-constituting a foddering for 27 cows- Doubled-amounts to 378-to which add 42 lbs for horses & the daily quantity consumed would be 420. Sent to N.L.Robinson's 2 bbls cider at 9/0 pr G.P.-payable in goods-Rec'd now 32 cs worth candle wicking-besides a few days since 1 lb tea-75 cs- Lent to Hiram Waters' small box stove-elbow & 4 joints stove pipe- Reuben Wickwire came down with his team to convey it home for home. Wickwire told father he was 60 years of age in Sept.last- Geo. bo't & paid 24 cs for goods at L.P & Co's by request of ladies. Hopkins came home sick from school at noon- G.bro't home pair of handsome thin boots made by B W Jackson for father- price of making \$2.50 due first Feb.

Suddenly & unexpected appeared here-1/2 past 7 in the evening-very considerably worried-our respected relative Henry H.Parsons from Hoosick,N.Y.which he left at 4 P.M.. in cutter accompanied by his mother lady & sister Mary-came on very sleekly until this

side Brooks', between which & the little Bliss hill it was badly drifted-getting through with considerable difficulty-kept advancing until near the 1 mile stone-when it was judged prudent to proceed no further-but to put about-return to Mr.Potter's at the old Dr.Swift place-leave ladies & cutter there & go himself on horseback to our house to find out (that) the state of the ways-which resolution was adopted-leaving females under the roof of Mr.P-bestrode his old mare-entered poplar lane crossed Clark's orchard into N. Meadow-where the drifting winds having blotted out all traces of the sleigh track-especially to one in the dark-he wandered into a sort of morass-from which retreated back to an appletree in the orchard-to which made fast his beast- and came remainder of distance on foot-walking on the top of stone-wall a part of the way- These facts being known.Geo. & Hopkins were soon in motion in 2 horse sleigh- Henry accompanied with his mare-carrying with them a good light-the better to find the way- Drove to Potters' & returned with the ladies in due season without difficulty- Visitors rec'd with hearty welcome-sitting up late after taking supper-cousin H. playing some good pieces on flute.

In course of the day read most of Speech of Gen.Ripley of H. of Rep. in high praise of Jackson-President U.S.- In Gordon's America read an excellent letter of Gen.Green to Col.Balfour-one of the British Commanders at Charleston-S.C.- threatening just retaliation for the cruel & unjust execution of the worthy & patriotic Col. Hayne. Very fine man-met his unhappy fate in the Summer I believe of 1781- Read acc't of Battle at Eutaw Springs- 60 miles N or N.W Charleston- fought in Sept. of that year-very severely fought-Victory of the Americans-would have been complete-had it not been for the British retreating into a large brick house-surrounded by gardens strongly picketed & thickly set with trees- It reminds one of the affair at Germantown-Oct 7-(18th-1777-perhaps date may not be exact- British then took shelter in cheese house.

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SUNDAY JAN'Y 29: Mild-thaws slightly-Tolerably fair-few clouds- Merc.30°-38°-30°

H H Parsons Millers must rejoice to see this- George, Margaret & Adeline went to meeting. Cousin Henry & lady, much to our satisfaction, remained until 2 P.M.. & went home-laving with us his mother & sister Mary- Cousin Henry also left a pattern for post hole
Post Auger auger-to be used in setting posts- Pattern for lips only-

MONDAY, JAN'Y 30- Came on Jan'y thaw-Cldy-some little rainy after 12 at noon- Merc.22°-38°-47°- In sun 40°- Geo. rode to Shaftsbury with 2 cow hides-138 lbs- for which rec'd payment \$4.00
H Barton in full of acc'ts between me & Hiram Barton Esqr. Aee Oct 13, 1836-Gave in 7 cs- Father accomp'd G. as far as his cousins-N. part Bennington-making short valls among them.

Fam Register Entered family Records in New Quarto Bible-not finish-

ed- Roughly done- Ladies eagerly employed at wash-
ing-of course house in some confusion.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 31. Thaw continued-S. wind-cldy-a
part of the time very foggy-
wind haul'd to N.at night-Shower of rain & snow about
sunset-densely foggy- Merc.34°-42°-40°-30°- late eve-
Got along very slowly with Family Register- Death of
Asa Harwood could not be entered because the date
was forgotten-Hauled over old letters-a large number-
among which were several from the late Deac. Jonas
Fay-which in some instances stopp'd to read- Like-
wise two from my friend N.Judd-Dated, Rome, N.Y.. Sept-
1811 & Ap'l 1817- Perused them in the eveg. See Jour-
nals for those years & turn back to Aug, 13, 1836- No
letter found to establish the date wanted above. Wood
sawing executed principally by father & Geo. Hopkins
waits upon aunt Theodosia home from uncle Sam Robin-
son's- Gets paper from Post Office from J.C.Presho-
The Natchez Free Trader-of recent date- "Omnibus" &
Spectator of N.Y. in which last was the manly Address
of Mr.Senator Webster in behalf of himself & Col-
league-in shape of Protest against the Expunging Re-
solution then about to pass the Senate. That black
revengeful deed was performed, if I rightly understand
it, Jany 16, 1837. Cousin Margaret was waited upon to
Hiram Waters this morning by H. himself.
Perused Dr.Jonas Fay's Letter of Oct 25, 1804-Queer
enough- To Aunt Peter. The following persons were
weighed by the Doolittle scales-

Dr.J.Fay	Benjamin Harwood	Aged 75	145	lbs
N.Judd.	Theodosia	" 55	133	"
(Expunging Resolution)	Hiram	" 48	151	"
M.Harwood	Sally	" 43	145	"
	George P.	" 28	149	"
	Albert G	" 22	163	"
	Adeline M.	" 20	116	"
	Mrs Ruth Parsons	" 49	123	
	Hiram H.Harwood	" 14	95	"
	Mary E Parsons	8	43	"
	Also Litt Dog Sport-Pup-		25	"
	Mary-Cat- Young-		8	"

See Jour'l Dec. 1814.

WED. FEB'Y 1. Thaw continued-but was bro't to
a close at night-wind coming
round from N.W.. The concluding remarks on the
weather of the 31st. should have been inserted here-
Minutes not exactly followed through mistake. Had the
thaw held on-it is not easy to conjecture the amount
of damage to milldams, Factory establishments-bridges
&c that would,, in all probability, have followed-
Merc. 36°-48°- 34°-to 30°- THAW

Thaw.

List of
horses

Completed Family Register to a certain extent. Made
out list of horses in Town Street to which annex'd
dates so far as could be ascertained.. Father endured
bad cold- But there was some wood sawed. Boys throw
down a quantity of straw from scaffolds in old barn-
thereby disturbing the safe retreat of Rats-which
were numerous at this time- Albert reads much- In
the evening I peruse a phamplet of 1802-giving acct

John Wood's History of the Administration of John Adams- ending Mar.3-1801 - Whatever motive Burr might have had in so doing,& however dishonorable his conduct seems to have been in its negotiation- The History itself judging from extracts exhibited in the ~~aford~~ Pamphlet, was far from being what it ought to have been-as Real History- Let those read who wish to spend their judgment on this thing. Adeline perused more of Confessions of an Elderly Gent-Didn't like it. By the papers saw the acc't of the disastrous expedition of the French Army to Constantine-North Africa- about the middle of Nov- Resembling in too many points the Expedition to Moscow 1812- Paid attention to C.C.Cambrelleng's Report-which however did not finish reading.

THURSDAY, FEB. 2. Cold-Furious snow squall past 9 A.M. . Stiff N.W. wind-cloudy. Merc. 18°- in the morning 10°- in the evening.. Visited Walbridge's Mill where made contract with James Harwood to grind, bolt or not blot, grain of all kinds at 6 cs pr bhl- Grist now consisted of 2 bbls rye & 2 1/4 Buckwheat, paid accordingly. Spent ~~some~~ time at store of Deac. S. Hinsdill. Looking at books-saw N.Yprk Ladg'r (Lady's) book about Papists at Havanna (think it was there) Glanced at the old Priest's letters-Silliest I ever saw- too much so for the honest sober girls of these United States to read in my opinion. Returned the Canada Bill- receiving Bennington in its stead- See Jan 17 or 18 Much company in store-Henry Safford being one among the rest- Married he said in 1827-Lydia Norton the bride-Brother Erwin-Coat Agent-Phila's Visited shop of Benj. W Jackson-nobody there-left note stating in substance that he would find \$2.50 at store to pay for making boots for father. With Williams Hinsdill left said sum, which he would pay over at first call. Norman E. (Druggist) & all clerks present. Returned to mill-Grist not quite out. James shewed me a plan for catching rats-of which lately had taken many. By invitation called over to Stebbins D Walbridge's. Some friend there not an acquaintance of mine- Lady spinning wool-child creeping about the floor-male-nearly 11 months old. Thompsonian Practice much praised- Looks up Publications belonging to that school-2 of which lends me for a time, surely to be returned. Got home before dark. A part of the evening read aloud Latrobe's Tour to Mexico-1834- Discours'd with father very earnestly on the Expunging Resolution-That Black Deed

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 3.. Very cold-Wind keenly blowing from N.W.-Calm at night- Merc. 2° Mr. Patchin's 3° below 0° Ours holding 10° to 12° above during the day-allowing me to be correct- 6°- in the evening.

H Waters' Settlement 1837 Bennington Feb'y 3d 1837..

Settled acc't with Hiram Waters' everything inclusive since 1st

B Squires
Requests
money

Expunge

March 1836- excepting cross cut company saw which he said he had sold to S.W.Brown for \$3- He should purchase another in which he said we might share with him. Acc'ts stood-H.Harwoo'd-\$11.62- H.Wats' \$6.45- Difference \$5.17 which he cashed on the spot in good humor. Perused several pages Church History- Rec'd line from Buckley Squires by the hand of his son Gordon N. requesting the loan of \$300-to be secured by John Norton & Stephen Dewey. I told the young man it was beyond my means to do it- Should be pleased to oblige his father if possible- Delivered my sentiments pretty freely in regard to expunction-making up my mind to stop the Gazette at present at any rate. the n'o for the present week containing the names of the principal Senators who voted for the Resolution of Mar.28,1834-enclosed in black lines with the exulting tone of the paper at what Benton & Co had effected of late-touched me to the quick. True the black lines article was copied from "The Albany Argus",but I take it he adopts it in full. The spirit manifested by the present majority of the U.S.Senate is as overbearing & full of political persecution as that of the Federalists in the hottest times of 1798,1799.

G P &
ladies

Carter &
lady

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 4. Pleasant-pretty cold-Wind N-Merc. 8°-20°- Devoted chiefly to writing-entering all from Jan 29 to this date- 2 first lines excepted. Father & G.P. sawed wood & otherwise busied themselves. I engaged if they would consent to permit me to write out my book-to go to meeting on Sunday. Yesterday G.P. spent the day chiefly gallanting ladies to & from Street & attending Friday Meeting &c- Hiram Waters came down about noon with his niece & her husband Mr. Carter from Jackson, Washington Co N.Y.-John Brown, his father-in-law & family all well. Conversed a few moments with Mr.C. & lady-shewed interior of the barns to the former & they departed. Mr.C. among other facts mentioned a recent custom of the farmers in his vicinity of (~~weighing~~) pressing hay in suitable blocks of about 400 lbs-preparatory to carrying it to Troy market.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 5.. Chilly-cloudy-some stormy-indications of great S.E. storm- Wd-strong that way. Mercury in the morning 18°- afterwards from 20°- to 22°- From our family turned out to church B.Harwood, H.Harwood, G P & Hiram H, Mrs S, Ad.M. & Mrs Parsons' little girl Mary Elizabeth. Hiram Waters was also an attendant all day- Aunt Lydia Harwood, 1/2 day- Lydia S.Waters all day- Of course made head-quarters at H.Waters'. Cousin Margaret came home with us from that house. Mr.Hooker preached from Deut'y 8th-C-10th, 11th, 12th vs- On Prosperity &c-Good- Mr.Loomis P.M.-Psalms 66-18 v- Sincerity in Prayer. Pretty Well.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 6. Calm cldy-foggy some part of the time-thawed very little-wind

Hamer's
Speech

apparently N.E.-Good sound Wint.weather.Merc. 24°-
32°33°- 28°- Sawing & working up wood-Order of the
day- Rec'd company from N. part of Bennington-Capt.
Perez Harwood & lady- Mrs Hewey-the lady of Tim'o
H. of Troy N.Y. on McAdam-1 mile E. First Gate this
side, Mr.Ephriam Hewey from Rupert,Vt & Widow Abel
Harwood- from the same place- Mrs E.H. had not
been here since the winter of 1810- Convers'd with
her on dairying & other subjects-53 years of age.5
children if I mistake not-of whom 4 were sons-2 of
whom were located at St.Josephs-Michigan,doing well.
Everything for sale in their markets in that new
country. Thirty Five years since her marriage. Capt.
said he was born in Oct 1771. his brother Silas-Jan ✓
6,1770- Recollected some slight facts connected
with the Battle of Bennington,Aug 16,1777- Father &
self attended to & enjoyed Company which before dark
was off. Hopk's bro't Daily Intell of Washington,
D.C- present through P.O. by Mr.Hall in which in
the evening perused Speech of Mr. Hamer,Ohio,, on
Wise's Investigation Resolve- Pretty candid for a
Jackson man. Told his story off pretty straight.
A. McLean man at first,afterwards stiff for Van Bu-
ren. Perused some more Church Hist. late in the eve-
ning.

H.Waters' &
family.

TUESDAY,FEB'Y 7. S. Wd. Cldy-thawed considerably-
Slightly rainy- Merc. 24°-40°-38°- Wood-order of
the day. Rec'd visit from H.Waters', lady & daugh't
Adeline & Mary Jane. For H. did some writing. Theo-
dosa went this morning to H.Waters'- H. & family
returned home early in the evening. In Spect.saw
state't of the affair between a Mr.Peyton & R.M.
Whitney before the Investigation Committee- Warm
Times !

WED. FEB'Y 8. Cold-Wind N.W.-Cldy-Merc.23°-
28°-16°- Order of the day the
same. According to previous arrangement went up to
write for H.Waters', but having some business to
transact farther up street-march'd on- At P.Office
seeing Rev'd E.W.Hooker with paper for getting con-
sent of the proprietors of the old Cong.Meeting
house to have pews altered into slips including
otherimprovements after some little solicitation from
him-,sign'd it- observing among other names that of
David Robinson Jun'r- Jas. Hubbell was present-but
said he should not sign,as he owed no share,as
formerly he did,in the house- at the same time pro-
fessing his willingness to do so provided he were
an owner. I reminded Mr.H. of one thing-which was,
that the signers tacitly pledg'd themselves as men
of honor to be at other expense of said alterations.
He said not- so did Hubbell.
At N.L.Robinson's bo't 1 lb tea on cr-in paym't
tow'd cider- At the Reading Room of John C.Haswell
heard a part of Gen'l Jackson's Letter to Committee
of Inquiry- read by O.C.Merrill Esqr, to Ira (Haw)
Armstrong & S.Scott Esqrs- and aftereards every
prominent measure of Administration. from Removal
of Deposits down to Expunction.- defended & praised

Jackson's
Letter to
Commit't

Paid Betsey
Street

Mrs Wrisley

as almost superhuman. Nothing wrong- All perfectly right. As Garret Hellen came in-or very soon after- I came away- Getting Omnibus of Feb.3- At L.P. & C's bo't 4 oz snuff & pd 11 cs for it- Present to Aunt Ruth- Mentioned to Mr.Patchin as a curiosity-the opposite sentiments held by different people in regard to the Gen'l Administration at Washington- He replied that the Departments were filled by many dunces there &c- Came down to I & W Weeks where call'd & had some money chang'd- David Harrison defended Jackson's Letter to Committee. Proceeded to Mrs Street's- paid 75 cs in full-no-was proceeding to but failing for change agreed to have that amount for making pantaloons, which I bro't away, for father-at Dr. H.Swift's-which according was so left- Called on Mrs Wrisley, Sam present & rec'd pay

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S H Blackmer

Writing for
H Waters'

Dr.H.Swift

Mr Van Buren
Address

ment in full for boots sold to her Jan'y 17-\$1.87 1/2. Called one moment at G.RSAanf'd & Co-then at the store of the late F.Blackmer where Sam.H. being present expressed his opinions in terms of high disapprobation of the Jackson Letter- Returned to G R S & Co & bo't & pd for 6 cs worth corks-Remainder of the day-past 1 P.M. spent writing acc'ts. for H.Waters'-Mostly on that of Geo. Robinson. Borrowed American of Dr. H.Swiff-Feb 3- in which was the Correspondence of Capt. Jones & Lieut. Slidell-the latter came off with flying colors-Nevertheless-it was too long a document for me to peruse. Conversed with Dr.H.Swift on Politicks-almost sick of the subject. After coming home among other articles read the very handsome address of Mr.Van Buren on retiring from his official station as presiding officer over the Senate of the U.S. A complimentary Resolution was voted by that body in reply-next to, or quite unanimously- Mr Calhoun having faintly(~~rose~~) risen in opposition which he afterwards withdrew- This was on the of Jan'y.

THURSDAY(JAN'Y) FEB'Y 9. Fair & cold-Wind N-Merc 12°-18°-4°- Up to H.Waters'

Writing for
H.W/

G P Harwood
& Ladies

again-He being absent-went to I & W Weeks'- Perused in Globe a part of the Speech of Mr.McKeon of N.Y. on Wise's Resolution, fully Jacksonian & Bank hating (~~matter~~) Conversed some with I.Weeks by which found he was Whig. Returned with H W.to his house.Looked good while for a note in favor of Dr H.Swift lately taken up by H.W-amounting to about \$85.00, not to be found- Went on & made up accounts between the parties- Latter indebted to the former-the sum do not recollect. Inspected affairs with Deac S.Hinsdill-who according to the best I could find out owed him not far from \$22.00- J.Godbee filed wood saws. Entertained company at H.W's- Mrs Ford & youngest daughter. Geo.P.Harwood waited upon Mrs R. Parsons & my lady to Deac S.Hinsdill's where were taken up goods on Cr to amount of \$2.75-78 cs over my due there according to my calculation. W.Hinsdill

Vermont
Chronicle
Money pd.
out

very taciturn & unusually sober. The party visit-
ed at J. Rogers' & came home. G. paid E D Waters,
Agent of Vermont Chronical, 1 dollar in advance for
6 months - to commence back to first Jan'y-'37 - Paid
67 cs to Polly Thayer for making vest for Hopkins &
25 cs to Miranda Martin for small bell-straps - All
these were for me & at my charge - Father worked at
wood.

Failure of
S Hinsdill

L P & Co's
store

L Patchin
Esqr-B R
Sears

Root.

The Failure

L Patchin

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 10. Pleas't cold morn'g. Afterward
chilly - Wd. N.W. - cldy - Merc. at
Zero - 28° - 25° - Thaw'd slightly at mid day.
I spent great part of day up Street - having it in
view in the morning to write again for H. Waters' -
but he was gone on business to Salem, N.Y. As I got
into the cutter of neighbor Root to accompany him,
by request, to the Village - he informed me of the
Failure of Deac S. Hinsdill which was announced early
last evening ! Subsequently learned that the amount
for which he was supposed to have failed was about
\$130,000 ! ! ! It was an event that was looked for
by many as inevitable. Went to L.P. & Co's - present
L.P. himself - P L Robinson - Welcome Luther & some go-
ers & comers among whom would mention B.R. Sears.
Many remarks were made on the recent failure - in the
course of which it was easy to see that our friend
P. felt pleased - will not undertake to say exactly
at what. B.R. believed he should get his pay - almost
wished he, the Deac owed him \$500. It was said that
Mr. Hinsdill sent post haste to Manchester where the
S. Court was in session - for the legal advice & as-
sistance of David Robinson Jun'r, J S Robinson & A.P
Lyman who obeyed the summons forthwith. The 2d of
those gentlemen informed Benj. this day - that him-
self & H. Waters were among others duly provided for.
Some said one thing & some another. Root believ'd
he'd make \$50,000 by it - I was not of that opinion.
Viewed it in a very serious light - but could not
sympathize with him as I should with one who appear-
ed to be guided in business transactions by the
plain rules of common sense. Away of your ambition
of setting up Seminaries - Instituting, organizing &
establishing new Religious Societies & Churches;
building meeting houses &c &c as everybody knows
this gentleman has been doing a few years past.
As far as it goes to distress the laboring poor at-
tached to his establishment let us lament & hope
there may be a way provided whereby they may yet
come out safe. The lawyers just mentioned I am
told made out the necessary papers & forms used in
making assignments - such as was now made by our Dea-
con. It was said his first care was to provide
means for liquidating all debts due the laborers of
every description who had been employed in his ser-
vice - whether in factory - store, shop or what not - Next
to secure all his confidential friends who had sign-
ed his paper - to pay all debts of honor - to redeem
his due bills &c &c - At Patchin's perused Jour'l
of Commerce as well as N.Y. Spectator some - Convers-
ed with P. about taking the latter 2d hand at the expi-
ration of Blackmer's year - Intimated that he wanted
more than \$2 pr Ann & I become obligated to return

Gen. Scott

them morrhly. Told him I should give no more. Visited J C Haswell's Reading Room-Looked at most beautiful engravings copied from paintings from the first order-published in pamphlet form accompanied with short biographical sketches-among which a full length likeness of C.J.Fox attracted my notice very specially. By gratuitous permission of John C. rec'd Waldie's Select Library 1834- and left. At Blackmer's store got Spect. of Feb'y 3. Heard remarks from capt. A.Hyde in opposition to the scheme of altering the inside fixtures of the meetinghouse-telling capt. P.Dewey who was also present- that in signing Mr.Hooker's paper, the same as I had, he had tacitly consented to pay his proportion of the expense. But Capt. D. insisted upon it he had not. Made call at H.Waters'- Aunt Dosia required paper of tobacco forthwith- Ran to Blackmer's- procured large one at H.W.'s charge- left it there & came home. Saw Mr.Brooks' a few mom's as he came along the street to his house- had something to offer on the failure-sorry for it- G.R.Sanf'd & Co losers by 3 or 4 hundred dollars. Read Gen'l Scott's Defence in part & story of the destruction of Pirate-1810- in Waldie's S.Ly.

G.P. visits) Geo. Hopkins, cous Marg't & Miss Adeline visit-
with ladies) ed at Wells Martin's & Capt. P.Harwood Sen'r- the
first went to Friday meeting-the others visited at
N.L.Robinson's & I believe at B.R.Sears.

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Warm flashes of sun, early part of the day, portended intensity of cold at hand- Cldy & chilly afternoon- Wind N. Merc. 24°-52°- in sun 33°- in shade 18°- in evening. Sawing & splitting wood order of the day. Wm. Haswell Esqr called & read to my father the draft of deposition to the fact of the marriage of Alexander Brush-non-commissioned officer in Col Seth Warner's Regiment in the Continental Army- to Ruth, the eldest daughter of the late Dr. Jonas Fay Esqr, in the Spring of 1780- which ceremony however he did not witness, but recollected very clearly- Dr F's inviting my grandfather & family to attend the wedding & supposes some individuals of the family did attend- as he farther recollects some particulars reported by them afterwards of what there took place- but the persons thus attending he could not now call to memory. The deposition did not go over all the ground my remarks cover. As to the sd. marriage & the common known fact of Mr. Brush being in the Continental Service which Mr. H made the instrument assert- was justly drawn- nothing to alter except the age of Deponent which instead of 75- was wrongly entered 64- that being corrected- my father made oath to the same before me setting his name thereunto- Mine also being according to legal requirement signed twice by my hand. The first official transaction of my life in the Justice line. Friend H. remained awhile after the business was finished, talk- of the recent failure & Politicks-

lamenting the first as a sore calamity not only to the Principal but more especially to the Poor a class of people who should always command his undisguised sympathy- as to the last gen. Jackson he believed, had done many good things- such as putting down the Bank &c- but at the same time- the gen. was no favorite with him- nor would he implicitly follow the imperious mandates of Party under whatever name it might assume. Believed the election of Mr. Van Buren to be altogether best for the country- but he would not now pledge himself to support all his future measures.

Omnibus

Sent line to J.C. Haswell giving notice that I could not find the 4th No. of the Omnibus- requesting him to write on to Philadelphia to have the same forwarded by mail.

SATURDAY) SUNDAY, FEB'Y 12. Tolerably pleas't- chilling S. wind- Severe snow squall at night. Merc. 12°-36°- Father, Geo. P. H. H- Marg't & Ade M. went to church. Preaching by E.W. Hooker. Finished perusal of Gen. Scott's able Defence so far as published. Wrote Jour'l & read more of Church Hist. Father said he visited Gov. Tichenor at noon- found him some unwell but not so but that he could converse very fluently- giving a history of the Ministry of the First Cong. Church in Bennington almost from its commencement down to the present time. Decidedly opposed to altering inside the meetinghouse. Judge L. Norton likewise there- Same side that question.

Gov. Tiche-
nor

MONDAY FEB'Y 13. Most distressingly cold & tedious- Great gale from N.W.- Snow flying profusely. Mercury at ° or 4) below- not certain which- 3° above at noon- 10°- or 12°- at P.M. 6° below Zero in the evening. Cattle & horses kept up snugly- only permitting them to drink- Reading & writing - Order of the day. Waldie's Stories too verbose to suit my taste. Late in the eveg. commenced reading Rosamond's Narrative of Female capers in life- tho of low disgraceful order- yet entertaining. George found much amusement in Travels of Mr. Dewey- Father was taken suddenly ill in the evening. much pain in one side. Hon. Henry Warren was reported, by Elihu Wright this eveg to have returned on Friday or Sat'y last to the bosom of his family- accompanied by his brother Porter from the West.

Rosamond

Henry War-
ren

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 14. Searching E. wind- halo about the sun- cuttingly cold- Grow'g warmer. Merc. 10°- below °- Gradually arose to 23°- 22°- in the evening. Wood- Order of the day- Father too unwell to attend to business. Looked over acc'ts as made out in bill against S.H. Brown. Not made up so as to decide exactly how they stood. Rec'd short visit in the eveg from Mrs Wrisley & daughter- in Gov's Cutter- driven by themselves. They had been below as far as Mrs Kent's. Dog some sick. Section of haymow commenced on Jan'y 26- consumed - being the N.W. corner of New Barn over head- laid at

S H Brown

Mrs Wris-
ley
Dog.

Hay

5 tons-not holding out by about 16 hand- Were led to believe our estimate of last Aug-to be as much as 10 tons too high. See Aug. 11 or 12.

Marg't F.
Harwood

Price of
cheese.
J C Presho

S H Brown

Cat Mary

Mrs Kent

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 15. Warm-mainly pleas't-some few cldy-hazy Wd.S-Merc. 30°-50°- 42°-46°- Geo. waited upon Marg't to Williamstown, Ms Drove "Charley" belled- Rec'd letter from C. Bisbee dated N.Y. 9th inst. Flour getting down-alluded to the late Mob- Cheese mostly out of market. Mr. Underhill good enough to send word-if I had held on to ours last fall-could have obtained for it \$11 pr hund.. If I would send or go down with the late made about the middle of April-might get 10 cs pr lb- Rec'd Mississippi Almanack by mail from J C Presho-published at Natchez- Many business advertisements inserted-among which he marked with pencil- " L.B. Hanchett, Auction & Commission Merchants & General Dealer in Boots, Shoes, Clothing, Books & Fancy Articles". Being as we presume the establishment at which he is employed.. Mr. N.A. Balch, Principal -Brick Acad'y sent me bill of Tuition & Geog'y for Hopks on which was due \$3 only- Geog'y having been paid for at time of purchase \$1- See Dec. 13 Fifth No.W's Omnibus comes laden with heavy Love Story- Hopks has great Geog'y Lesson.

In A/c with S.H. Brown appeared to be fairly my due \$4.01
A rheumatic pain caught me in lower part of the left side my back- Principally engaged in partially level'g frozen heaps manure against sides barn. The Cat Mary was carr'd to Wmst'n . Aunt Ruth & Aunt Sally-accomp'd by little Mary-paid Mrs Kent a visit-

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 16. Grows more cool- Cldy-wd N.W.. Snows-evening-Merc. 32°-35°-26° 24°- Much time A.M. spent in private at barn with H. Waters'-assisted by him repairing stable floor-- George arrives before noon from Ws'tn Cousins generally doing well there. Bennington Bk reported bad- many refusing to take the money- Caleb Brown considered sound-but was tho't to have suffered much for want of money-during a few weeks past- Levi Smedley Jun'r had fine young horse for sale-price \$150.- G. purchased with our money-Moccasins for Adeline of F. Mather \$1.50- Starch of Hosford-16 cs worth- Most P.M. we shovel'd snow to gain

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S W Daniels
Sickness

passage for sleighs through the lane to the highway-D. Perry the first to try it with but bob sleighs carrying 1/2 cord green wood-effected with some difficulty-Said establishment belong'd to N. Norton- Rec'd very friendly visit from S.W. Daniels & lady with little boy. Father yet out of health-Noise in papers respecting Peyton & R.M. Whitney.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 17. Snows more or less most of the day. Wind I believe N. E.

N L Rob

Failure of
Seminary

h. Waters
L suit

N A Balch

Merc. 12°- 2°- above Zero- 4° below in the evening. None or ten A.M. ride up street with G.P. Get 31 cs worth bar soap at N.L. Rob's- E. Montague, Sam'l Fay & others present- with the latter-conversed on governmental affairs-telling him of Gen.' Scott's Defence which he had not seen. Go over to the store of L.P & Co-buy pint St.C.Rum, qt.F.brandy & 4 lbs Raisins (keg) for \$1.paid. D.Rob Jun'r, E' Montague, W.Haswell, A.D.Robinson-all join in remarks on failure of Ballard's Seminary. Pretty unanimous in feeling sorry for deacon Hinsdill's, but caring little for B. personally- Believed, were the people disposed to unite & take hold in good earnest, it would be a proper time to alter the Seminary over into a Female Seminary &c- M.S.Norton was also present. P.M. write for H.Waters'-Due hands-say \$112. Theodosia & Lydia present- Babe very quiet. Mr.G.Root first told us of the Sem'y failure. Geo. gets bhl corn ground at Walbridge's-afterwards waits upon Hopks & me home. Hiram Waters paid bill of \$4. Court & Clerk Fees- sent by gen'l Henry Robinson it being for Insurance suit-which had gone against him. Mr. Phineas Smith his Senior Att'y was understood to have sent word to W. that there would be no costs for him to pay-ins'td of which the general stated that Mr. S. instructed him to call on W. for sd. bill. Obtained plaster at Dr.H.Swift's for father & got H.W. to engage girl for me at Sem'y. Sent \$3 in full of Balch's Bill pr Hopks.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 18. Very cold mg- clear cold day- Wd. N. turn'd S eveg. Merc. 13°-below ° 12°- above at noon-8° sunset ° eveg- highest kn. 13°- or 14°- eo. employed on woodpile - Self up street in cutter with father who visits at H.Waters' while I am doing errands.. Buy 12 panes of glass-8 by 10 at Blackmer's for the ready sixty cents. Sam.Scott Sen present- Could not recollect date of his father's death, but supposed it must have been on the 8th of June 1819- 75-same day. Stated that he underst'd by him that he came to this town 1763 at 17 years of age.. Mr.S likewise expressed himself in favor of removal of Indians-in which I concurred- He was antiabolition-so was I- He brought up the Republic of Hayti as proof of what the Blacks would come to- provided in this country they were allowed as a people to set up for themselves. In the former country it was a complete failure. As to the age of Mr.S's father-when I came to talk over the matter with my father-he stated that in 1793-at the funeral of Uriah Wickwire he heard Mr.S say he was 50 some time that year-making him 3 years in advance of the age Sam assigned him- Went to G.R.Sanf'd & Co to buy 2 lbs white lead- failing to reccom'd it as pure- did not purchase. Conversd some with E.Fillmore Esqr, while there- Spoke with Chester Hinsdill-Reminding him of Steam boat & Stage to & from N.Y. last Oct- Conveyed glass to shop of B.R.Sears. Charles F. & other hands including Fobes being very busily engaged at work. At B.R.S's the birth of a daughter was announced on the morning of the 12th. Made safe return with fath-

B R Sears
3d child

Ad.
Ad &
Hopks

Dr.H.Swift.

Chandler Ball

er. Adeline & Hopkins go to E.Village-visit stores there-purchase & pay for 2 lbs white lead & something else. Return up to C.H.Hill transact more business & return. Hopkins getting silk hkf at L.P.& Co's at 8/0 on trial. Evening father having taken too heavy a dinner at H.Waters'-complains of illness in side so powerfully that Geo. & Hopkins rode up for Dr. H.Swift-who soon after accomp'd by H. Waters-appeared-applied the lancet-ordering hot oats to be applied to the part affected-wet with vinegar-Remedies worked well. Dr.S. said he understood from good authority-Chandler Ball had failed.

Dr.H.Swift

SUNDAY,FEB'Y 19 Moderate-thin clds-Merc.10°-30°- 41°-20°- Geo. Hopks-My lady & daughter go to meeting under preaching of Mr.Hooker. Father very comfortable-Mother much off the hooks. H.Waters waits upon aunt Lydia & little Adeline here on visit to the sick. Aunt Ruth unwell. Dr.H.Swift came again in the evening to visit father-found him doing well. H.Waters came with him.

looking girl

Riot at N.Y

MONDAY,FEB'Y 20 Moderate,thawy,cldy-stormy very little-Wd.S. Merc. 20°-30°- 40°-36°-32°- sunset 35°- eveg. Geo. pursued the usual business-sawing,chopping & splitting wood fit for stove. Father remained unwell-Perused Gordon's A.Revolution. Late in the morning I drove up street making enquiry at Mrs Street's,Seminary Boarding House & other places for girl to hire at house work - None- At L.P.&Co's-among other items of news-read acc't in N.Y.Spect. of the 18th.inst. of the recent disgraceful Riot which occurred in the City of N.Y. when the store of Eli Hart & Co was broken open & hundreds of barrels,perhaps thousands,of flour were thrown into the street-stove to pieces-contents was tonly wasted,except the little the poor women gathered in their baskets & aprons-a great many bags of wheat & other property destroyed-including books & papers-the last being the greatest loss sustained by the Firm. For the flour belonged to somebody in the country. It was stated in Mr.Hart's card that about all the flour in the City was held & sold on commission. Saw young men buying broadcloth-also as mere passengers. D? Robinson Jun,W.Haswell,Hiram Scott & others. Paid P.L.Robinson \$1.33"-in full for Hopk's silk hkf. At N.L.Robinson's popp'd in 1 mom't- At Post O. found Jas.Hubbell Esqr- Remarks were let fall respecting Late Mob- Minister Loomis present- Get piece silk velvet-unpd at Merrill & V.D's-to carry home-to which return before night-saw some wood. Partly looked through Mexican Relations in the eveg. H.Waters gets out powerful force in men & teams chopping & sleighing wood-Not long employed when-cuts his right foot rather badly. Those employed with teams were Ros Day,Ben Darling, & Oliver Ayers.

H.Waters
wounded.

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TUESDAY,FEB'Y 21. Moderate-snow'd until past noon-cldy,remain'dr of the P.M.

Progress
in writing

Latude

E B Burton

Merc.30°_to 32°- or even 39°- Chiefly engaged in writing-Embodied say about 2000 words concerning last visit to N.Y.. from 10 A.M. until 8 in the evening-After that, read a portion of Latude's Narrative of sufferings in & out of prison-through influence of Madame D.Pompadour, Mistress of Louis XV, King of France-Aunt Ruth listened. She was employed this day in repairing cloak collar for father.the material-1/4 yd silk velvet. was paid for this morning by G. or Hopkins-remainder of the cloth mentioned on the 20th returned at same time. Geo. in cutter conveyed Hopk's to Academy-First day of Examination- came back & repaired buffaloe robe & afterwards mended stable floor. E.B.Burton appears here about 11 A.M. Father remains out of health. Reads only a part of American Revolution's War.

Journey to
Petersburgh

M G Phillips

WED. FEB. 22. Fine-moderate-Merc-say 26°-mg 54° in sun. Late in A.M.start in cutter for Petersburg,N.Y. Convey to H.Waters' E.B.B. & A.M.H. The former proceeds with me to Blackmer's-gets Spect & Fudge of Scott for me-I proceed on road-Good sleighing-Road does not go up hill as formerly where we leave Mam's Shaw's for Adams-keeps round N-vastly improved. Tow'd Kitchen a young girl of humble station rides with me a few rods- Cloak smells strongly of smoke-had lived a few months at Mr. Warren's in Pittstown-now on her return from visit there- Rode out with Noel Barber,Pownal. Resided in his neighborhood if I rightly understood- Daughter of a Mr.Ross. Took her way on foot from P. Corners-Failed of conveyance by Barber through some mistake. Arrived at Mansur Phillips' ~~On~~ Col.Reynolds' farm-say at 2 P.M. Introduced to his lady-Rec'd every attention-horse stripped of harness-stabled & so on- Made extensive enquiry for girls-Mrs P. told me all she knew & that amounted to no certainty at all-tho' she by no means could be accused of lying- Had hired one for themselves & recommended to me another they had had in view. Among books saw one of recent date pretty full on Free Masonry- another contained Abridgement of Hist.Martyrs with Plates- exhibiting dreadful specimens of Inquisitorial invention of cruel machinery used in hellish infliction of most refined torments on the persons of such Protestants & other Heretics as fell into their power. Such books,don't care to read much- The Plates exhibited a great variety of cruel executions & murders-which occurred in olden times- Mr.P. just for the present employed extra hands-contracted 4 or 500 bbls oats deliv'd in N.Adams at 5lcs- Lately deliv'd at Arnolds'-Troy 9 casks beans-unsold-recently understood from N.Y.Price Cur't that the article was worth \$18 pr tierce. Four or Five hundred acres in the farm-hired for 5 years-now commencing 2d season-Sold cheese green at \$7 or \$7 1/2 pr cwt- Amount of Rent \$200 annually- Col.R. very craving-Residence in Hoosick-Moses Warren house-S.Four Corners- Informed me of great Religious Awak'ning in those parts.

THURS'Y FEB'Y 23. Commenced storming moderately in a few hours arose to almost a hurricane- especially on elevated grounds-not so very much snow-but it was violently driven before a furious gale from S.E. Stopp'd snowing a little before night- wind down after dark-Not very cold. Delayed starting awhile in the morning. Mr.P. & lady gave kind entertainment-the former assisted in getting me off-Provided umbrella- Mare blanket'd to drive in storm. Drove to Red School house 2 miles S.E.Hotel near Meetinghouse. Got Thurber boy to accompany me to his grandpa's-Cross very high short bridge-at short distance quit road for fields & meadows-the former being so fill'd up with snow as we advance up the hill-severity of the storm increased-very tedious. At the end of about 1 mile from School house, after passing 1 farm house, - arrive at Mr.William Thurber's- Found the man mending shoes or boots-Soon told my business & was glad to take shelter there during the storm-stabling beast inclusive. Not much difference from 11 A.M. Employed in reading Spect concerning great snow storm-25th & 26 th Dec in Eng'd-Very extraord'y in that country & also productive of vast amount of suffering-both by sea & land. Conversed occasionally with the daughter trying to persuade her to come & live with us during the ensuing season & with the father on a variety of subjects. The former was proof against all persuasion-from an old fellow at any rate The latter- pretty full of himself-Never saw the man who could outwork him, while in his prime. & having the lead in business-In latter days had given up labor in a great measure. Hoeing & mowing were his greatest hobbies. Came into this section with his father the same winter he became 13 years of age- Now 62-present month- Related acc't of settlement by him of his father's estate- Brother Benjamin & some other heirs-dissatisfied & disposed to resist execution of the Will- But it was all got along with without a great deal of trouble. Informs me how nicely a son of his removed his family to Illinois about 40 miles S.W. Chicago-settled on fine Prairie land-from 4 to 600 acres- for which had frequently rec'd offers of more than, or say exactly \$1500. Had other children settled in the same vicinity-And O! What ~~land~~ it was ! -the half cannot be told. Told about the forcing pump which supplied the Village of Saratoga with good water-work'd by waterpower-Mentioned early days of Troy &c &c- His father died in W'mstown-owned property there before his last sickness-amounting to from \$1800 to \$2000- First settled in Petersb'y-came from a place in Mass-not far from Providence -E The young man "Billings" came from school late in the day-assisted at chores- could not feed horses & cattle in yards to any advantage until after abatement of storm. The girls carded & spun tow rapidly-Asenath-performed most of the carding. They talk'd that she was weakly-I saw nothing of it in her manner of doing business-The real state of the case was-they apprehended much slavery to females from a thirty cow

dairy & she was determined not to be caught in that net-let me talk ever so favorably. I did not mean to misrepresent- Stated every thing very plainly & fairly- only inviting her to come over & try it- But it was of no sort of use. There was one consideration touching this lady which I will name- Her features for a lady were as repulsive to the other sex, as mine are to the ladies- of course suitors would be kept at proper distance. From what Mrs P. told me- no doubt she was a good girl⁹ aged 30- thirty- This Billings, that being his Christian name did chores for his board & went to school- Did not ask his surname- heard Mr. Thurber ask him if a certain family of Lewis' were his relatives- he replied in the negative.

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FRIDAY FEB'Y 24. Cldy-chilly-wind brisk N.W. Not however very cold- After breakfast assisted old gent & boys at shovelling road- which was soon accomplished- and having in some measure manifested a feeling of gratitude tow'd my host & family for the kind treatment rec'd at their hands with usual compliments, departed- conveying young Thurber to the school house in due season. This was a youth from 12 to 14- of good natural parts, as I should guess, but badly bro't up- Bold, impudent, rash, thoughtless- receiving punishment daily as I was informed at the hand of his teacher- whose name they said was Henning- belonging to the family- next neighbors of Mr. Thurb's- "Billings" called himself about 17) Got along with't much difficulty- At the Village enquired for residence of Adeline Clark- pointed out to me very clearly- distant 1 mile up the creek- E side- thither wended my way- At a certain house made enquiry- telling my business- the gentleman told me of two Lewis' girls a little off the road- Proceeded up the hill beyond a red house- through barn yard into an enclosure ahead & seeing bars partially up- rather than turn out in damp snow, getm my boots wet for the sake of reaching the house where defeat was almost sure- in anger resolved to go not a step farther- turned shortly about came back to the red house- requested the old gent to call a female to the door- It was done- She told me Adeline Clark was not at home, but living at Hoosick Corners- not to be hired- nor did she believe either of the Lewis girls could be hired to do housework. She knew of no one that could. Pursued my way back to the Village- taking into cutter the first gentleman who spoke with me on said road- Enquired respecting Demas Robinson of Bennington with whom claimed some acquaintance- His name was Buddinton or Buddington- his daughter was the third & present wife of Dr. Robinson of Berlin- formerly an eminent practitioner in Petersburg. Landed the old gent in the Village & although I knew of some few ~~mere~~ names that had been given me, yet in utter despair of success did I turn my back on old Petersburg- resolved to go home peaceably & calmly without saying more about it.

Adeline Clark

Buddington

I would add something respecting Mr.B. Offered much in regard to high prices for labor as well as provisions- presumed the former would be enormously extravagant or high the ensuing season. Whether he were farmer or trademan did not enquire. Found excellent sleighing. Left umbrella as directed at log house in neighborhood of M.G.Phillips'-The inmates to inform Mr.P. of my failure with request that if he found any one hereafter to write me by mail. I want to state that the regular hired man of M.G.Phillips-as told me-was a young fellow named Hiram Stewart- I hunted over Petersburg for girl- July 6 & 7 -1832- See Jour'l of that date. At said log house they requested me to inform the family of S Searls that there was a bandbox there for them- Promised that I would. Henry R.Green rode thence nearly to Mam'a Shaw's with me- Native of P-coarse in his manners-about 24 years of age-work'd for Garr't Breese Jun at \$13-last season-same gent had offered 14 1/2 to him ensuing season- Formerly work'd for cap't I.Hawks,Benning'tn-of whom spoke well- Liked Garr't Jun better than he did young Abraham. Old gent when himself- good man-generally cross-from which inferred he was intemperate. Mentioned my intent of buying 3 good cows pres't season-Requested, if he should know of such as would come up to the description required-he would acquaint me thereof by line to be left at I & W Weeks'-Bennington,Vt. Made no halt,but came directly along-Saw Dr.H.Swift at the house near foot of line hill-this side bridge on old road. Met with drifts W.part of town-none to hinder- Reached home say 3 P.M. All well,or as well as could be expected. Cousin Ann Burtis & two childred had been here during my absence. B'within short time of my arrival came & gallanted them home. Refused supper-Said some droll things: Mr.Balch's School had closed honorably- E.B.B. had gone home-soon to return to Mid'b'y College. Merc. in Therm't since Wed&y had varied little-say from 26°- to 32°- & 39°- Rec'd Vermont Chronicle of Feb.23- Hewy Harwood - through mistake had rec'd some previous numbers. If so,the affair must be ~~in~~quired into. Aunt Theodosia came home from H.Waters' -

Henry R
Green

Sim Burtis
School
closed

Boys to
Hoosick
for Girl

SATURDAY,FEB'Y 25. Tolerably pleas't not wholly free from clds- Warm,moderately thawy-Wind,I believe,mainly N. Merc.26°-41°-32°- Geo. & Hopk's off with Charley & cutter to Hoosick Falls in quest of girl- Some prospect of finding one there-having offered by way of our friends there- Besides a few chores & other hindrances wrote 11 or 12 hundred words of Jour'l Father visited S.H.Brown's & G.Root's- & perused papers &c-Saw'd some wood. Adeline M. very readily assisted me at stabling cows at night. No boys,as we expected from Hoosick. Evening perused more of Rambles in Mexico-1834-

SUNDAY,FEB'Y 26

Pleas't & cold-Wd.N-early-S. P.M signs of storm.Merc.17°-24°-32°

Eveg.20°--

Travel in
Mexico
Heman Robin-
son

Neglected shaving & wrote about 748 words of Journal. Evening perused more of Rambles in Mexico- of which some passages were pretty fine. Capt. Heman Robinson reported to be at point of death-age little in advance of mine- 50-some day of present month- The block of hay broach'd on the morning of the 15th held out until the 25th- Centre scaffold N. side New Barn- weighing about 64 hundred- & Over floor E. end there was say four hundred more. Foddered cows this eveg from mow on E Scaff'd Old Barn- measuring from E to W 19 ft- from N to S 15- giving an ara pf 485 ft- which multiplied by 8-the supposed average height of sd bloak of hay-would give in solid feet 3880 & supposing 1 ton- occupies 900 ft- there might be about 4 tons of the material. ^ See Jan 26 & Jour'l for last Winter. Mar 1, 7 Apr 20, 1, 2, 5. Learn from a certain source that the teachers of Bible Class suffered from bickerings amongst them- Too many Lawyers there to be peaceable.

Hay

MONDAY, FEB'Y 27. Heavy S. wind-thaws good deal- rains-turns round suddenly in the evening-grows cold rapidly-much snow falls-wind blowing furiously from N.W. Merc. 35°-43°-34°- Business of no great importance-Saw wood- Sweep out new barn scaffolds emptied of hay-About 1 ton remained over horses heads-N.E. section- By assistance of ladies, after having done what I could alone, removed hay scale out of new into old barn. Read respecting City of Mexico- Fath'r saw'd wood, but mostly read Rev. Hist.

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27th CONTINUED

Geo. & Hopk's accom-
panied by Orville C.

The death
of H. Robin-
son

See Ap 7,
1834

Parsons arrive from Hoosick-Report rather favorably respecting girls Particulars can't give. Our friends Henry Parsons & lady & S Burtis exerted themselves to the utmost tow'd the accomplishment of our wishes- but could not quite carry-yet undecided-Prospects fair for obtaining one among 3 candidates. Miss Fenton of Cambridge N.Y. presumed to be the most proper & accomplished of the trio. My friend Capt. Heman Robinson departed this life at about 8 o'clock on Sunday evening last-aged 50 years & days. Had been in ill health for some years past & during his last illness was said to have suffered immense distress-was thrown into fits from which never recovered-entirely bereft of his reason as long as life remained. In a worldly sense he was a good man always appeared mild & agreeable-very companionable & for aught I know was as near what he ought to have been in the various relations of life as most men. Neighborly, honest, & fair in dealing as I may presume from all I ever knew respecting him. Tho' we were boys together as it were-there never was that intimacy between us that often takes place between young persons. He was a remarkably, lively active boy-very fond of all the favorite amusements in vogue during those days. I was at an exhibition very well

got up by Sam B. Young, one evening, late in the year 1806-in which he acted a conspicuous part- I think it was he who sang the Boat Song that evening- I believe William Haswell, I T Robinson & others of that class also took part in sd Exhibition. He made an accomplished peace officer as Deputy Sheriff of the County for several years & was an ornament to the Military Department while passing through the several grades from subaltern to the captaincy of the W. Company Benning's Militia.. As First Selectman he was much respected & was very instrumental in introducing system & regularity in discharge of the duties of that responsible (position) office). Of the ills & troubles of life he had partaken his allotment-at the same time in a pecuniary point of view it may be said that he could never have suffered much. His mother died in the Winter of 1801-leaving two brothers & 1 sister & himself-youngest of all. His father remained a widower short of 2 years-marrying a respectable widow from Middletown Ct., sister of Cashier Dickinson of Troy, N.Y.- She proved to be not as acceptable a mother-in-law as could have been wished- It was always understood that the subject of these remarks & that lady were never wholly reconciled to each other & the result was that after his marriage to Miss Betsey Wadsworth in 1810 he had to seek a home in the wilds of the N.E. section of Pennsylvania where he remained until a short time subsequent to her decease-June 25th 1813-when returned to his father's homestead & there resided constantly ever since. Lost his amiable lady, Aug 15, 1835- leaving family of 6 children-4 sons & 2 daughters-eldest & youngest-the latter only yrs old Gen's 3d wife proved kind & agreeable.

See Jour'l for Aug 15, 1835. See March same year.

See Dec 19-27 1836 also Mar. 7, 1835.

The foregoing sketch may not be entirely correct, but I believe it to be mainly so. As to the time of his returning from Pennsylvania-I am some at a loss, but its not very essential.

(W) TUESDAY FEBY 28. Most severe gale from N.W.
Great Gale forming very formidable drifts-Snow constantly flying- rarely exceeded- The new snow fell very damp therefore in spite of the very sweeping N.W.'n blasts-a part adhered closely to (what) what otherwise would have been laid bare-greatly to the benefit of mowing & pasturage grounds. Merc. mostly at 10°- not higher than 14°-Down to 4°-in the evening. Nothing doing abroad. Good care taken of cattle. Fath'r unwell-Reads.. Geo. & Self walk up-street to attend funeral-Spend some time at store of Merrill & V.B. Spiegel- present Mr. A Kinsley, J. Brooks & others-The latter gent tells us that by consent of friends the body of deceased was opened by physicians- Heart partially consumed, or at any rate filled with a kind of transparent liquid-one of the kidneys nearly consumed- Liver & lights in good order. Milo Olin & another young man came there with long red stockings drawn over boots up mid thigh or in that region. liked the plan-but

Funeral

S H Brown

Cold

Theodosia

thought it required the sanction of the upper circles to make it go- The former being clerk in a certain Insurance Office in which J.H.Adams had effected Insurance to am't of about \$10,00 just before his store was destroyed by fire-explained the reason whay a report had spread that the office refused to pay over. Came by blunder-which when obviated-made the claim valid & perfectly good & would be promptly met by the Co'y. Leaving store-visited Post Office,Grocery of N.L.Robinson & Printing Office on errands- returned in season to join procession & carry corpse to meetinghouse- L. Patchin Esqr Conductor- Audience as numerous as could have been expected in weather-so inclement- Mr.E.W.Hooker delivered a good discourse from 12th Heb's 15th Verse. Appealing powerfully to the conscience of every hearer- to examine himself to know what he had done for the eternal welfare of departed friends &c &c- After service neither went to take a last look-for I imagined I retained in memory pretty accurate notion of the features of deceased. nor did I follow the remains to the grave on account of the very gr't severity of the weather. Visited Blackmer's store-Saw Newell Squires who besides other talk wanted to know if I had concluded on what I should do with young calf skins the ensuing season ? Told him I had not. Made short call at H.Waters'- Had procured N.Y.Spect. at store- Came on foot to Dr. N.Swift's orch'd overtaken by S.H.Brown & lady in cutter- with whom ride swiftly to his house-Made compliment for the favor-came home & enjoyed evening much in the usual way-reading pap's &c-

WED.MAR.1st..

Very cold-steady breeze from N.W. Fair-real Winter- Merc

5°- below zero- Not known to be higher than 10°- above-4° night. Digging through snow drifts in lane made up the norning employment of Geo. self & Hopkins. P.M. the former waited upon aunt Theodosia to uncle S Robinson's-affording me conveyance to H.Waters'- takes measure for Lydia a pr shoes at Jackson's

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Geo. effected settlement in full at Deac. S.Hinsdill's for me- finding demand due store 75 cs-which he paid promptly out of his own money- Refunded the same to him shortly after-On his return thence-called at H. Waters' I was employed by H.W. in copying accbunts & assisting in settlement between him G.Robinson . Mr.Jackson came there also-in trouble-a man in E. Village was driving him for pay. Hiram drew an order on Booth (Ashel) for \$8 & perhaps a fraction over \$5 of which were due from John G Goodbee, remainder on his own acct. Much gratified on rec't of sd.order. Hinted dissatisfaction with management of Deac. H's affairs- believed he possessed & would come out at last owner of at least \$20,000.

Took dimensions of foot for making those shoes- (slips) for Lydia at 88 cs- materials principally found- To be done week after next- Geo. waited upon aunt L. home. Rosamond's Narrative-borrowed Feb 9-was returned to Deac H. this day. Lydia had been almost constantly with the family of H. Waters' ever since Dec. 23, 1836.

Settlement with G. Robinson went off very well excepting the item of Lost Time which in the whole amt'd to 104 1/2 days-out of which was due him according to Indenture 52 for schooling during his two last years apprenticeship- The balance on time he had made up excepting 2 1/2 days. This acc't of time he (he) strenuously disputed. Hiram paid him balance of 27 cs due on the other part of the acc't & he left in much huff. He had kept no written account of lost time & was therefore wholly unprepared for such result- H W s id, & show'd, that he had paid him about \$30 more than the original contract obliged him to. Next call'd up John G Godbee for settlement & after spending the remainder of the P.M. & evening until 9 o'clock, such was the state of the Acc's & so many general charges drawn from Deac. H's books or rather from entries in hand books by his clks for H.W. that no settlement could be effected. One of the Miss Yates made call while I was there.. Past 9 came home.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2d. Pleas't -extremely cold-Fair- Wd. N.W. Merc. 12°- below. Not higher in the sun than 29° above so far as known- 17°-in shade-lower aftt dark- Cheeses in cupboard taken out, greased, brush'd up & placed away on opposite side. Keg potted cheese broach'd, 10 or 11 lbs taken out for use-replaced by nearly as much more green, some brandy added, cask headed up & put down cellar again. Off to W's by about noon-Benj. R Sears present- stays awhile to hold converse- After his exit & return of Godbee from Deac. S. Hinsdill's to get statement of articles had by him resumed attempt at settlement- found amount of items agreed upon by the parties, to be about \$181 or \$182-Am't disputed-something over \$20. Hiram became rather warm & friend G was none-too cool- but nevertheless no serious jar ensued. Found they could never settle without seeing books at Deac. H's faithfully searched by old Drug- Being for the present done with him & let me say both appeared to be honest, but were now suffering from acc'ts to long neglected, having run nearly 2 years without looking over-Speht remainder P.M. regulating papers.

Miss F. Mariah Patchin agent of the A.F. Society- one appointed by the ladies of Centre Village came in to solicit funds & rec'd from Mrs Waters 25 cs which she begged from her kind husband-who afterwards on being made acquainted with its destination declared, we may presume for talksake, had he known it would not have done so. Amused himself most pleasantly making an appointment to be at her father's on Thursday next-at noon or immediately

Cheese

Godbee

F M Patchin
Tract So-
ciety

Union Meet-
ing Benn'gt

after-certain kind of viettuals to be cooked-
she should certainly be at home to give due
reception-everything in full preparation &c.
Hopkins & Orville after landing me at Hiram's
proceeded in cutter to E.Village got Vt.Chronicle
of Feb 16 I believe at store of Dewey & Waters-~~bag~~
very badly worn & banged off. Saw J.A.French who
informed them that he wanted & had had money on
hand to pay for calf skins some time-desired them
to be bro't to him-as it was very difficult to pre-
cure team- Evening rode up & attended or looked on
Dancing School at Love's- Did not think highly of
it. Geo. came with them, to Hiram's where they left
team, & attended a very important Union Meeting
at which almost every citizen of the Centre V.
was present, where it was resolved to go forward
& repair the outside of the Centre meeting house-
lower the pulpit-take away pews from boy's gallery
N. side-put benches instead thereof- Repair Court
House-build new stone jail-take out partitions
from lower part of sd. building-dismiss jail &
have it for town house-that is, all below stairs-
To establish Female Seminary on the ruins of that
which had just ceased to exist- Speeches were de-
livered by D.Robinson Jun, Doct. Bigelow, Dr. H. Swift,
& others, all to good purpose- Union-the order of
the day-No Old Line nor Pioneer- No up Hill nor
(under the) down Hill hereafter. The sum esti-
mated to be necessary to the accomplishment of so
many desirable ends- was pronounced \$2800. On
learning the pleasing intelligence I was much re-
joiced & wished the undertaking might prove tri-
umphantly successful. My statement here is far
from comprehending the regular routine of their
proceedings. But it will show, if followed up
closely, that this is " The era of good feeling"
as was said once, I believe, during the Adminis-
tration of President Monroe.

Ross Day

N.Hampshire
Contract
Ben Darling

Hiram rec'd the company of his friends B.Darling
& Ross Day-to whom he related particulars of
lumber contract negotiated by him in N. Hampshire.
a few miles S.E.Brattleboro'- the fulfilment of
which he would enforce by law or gain damages in
its stead- Should surely see if the gentleman,
Rixford or Rexford should ever be caught in
Brattleboro or on this side the Connecticut River.
I marched home on foot.

Cold

FRIDAY MARCH 3d. Held on remarkably cold-some
cldy-severe N.W.Wd- Merc.5°-
below zero-Not known higher than 12° above-4°-in
the eveg. As the ladies were some of them busily
employed at washing in machine, while others were
as deeply engaged at quilting, in bolted two of the
principal Physicians of Bennington- Drs. W.Bigelow
& H.Swift- after some light joking they were seat-
ed in the next room-where in few words made known
to me their business which I had anticipated in
my own mind.

Drs Bigelow
& Swift

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making me acquainted with the

Subscription \$30.00

H Waters
Acc's

Death of
Mrs Pool

Geo. Root

B Darling
B Street

J A French
pays cash

doings of last evening accomp'd by judicious remarks; presented me with the Grand Subscription List at the head of which stood the name of L. Patchin Esqr, against the sum of \$500-Total am't already subscribed was over \$1900.. I signed \$30. (~~in-addition-thereto~~) - They seemed well pleased & immediately departed, though not without some innocent playful jokes from Doct. to Adeline in allusion to matrimony.

Again in service of H Waters' transcribing acc's Making up one against Sam H. Brown exceeding \$38. and other of about \$10-to be equally divided between him & G R Sanford and yet another of about \$20 against the latter, but whose Cr more than over balanced it. Previous to doing these, much time was spent in vain looking for Acc't against S H B of anterior date. A rec't was found showing a settlement in full-say Feby 1833-That which we now had drawn up- commenc'd in the Spring of 1835 Suspicious of having lost acc't for 1834- Doct. H. Swift called in & dressed wound for H. Waters-Doing well-believed to be in fair way of getting well- Doct. complained of severe headache-had not been well for sev'l days past-Really wore bad countenance. Between 4 & 5 P.M. heard bell toll- the age was 69-Could not imagine who it could be unless it were old Mr. Rutenbur-but the mystery was soon broken-It was Mrs Pool, amiable consort of Jacob Pool-for many years a resident in Centre Village-taken off very suddenly in a fit of apoplexy-as near as could be understood- Very worthy, industrious lady-I believe a member of the Cong'l Church in the centre- Left 3 daughters & 1 son- Ought to note that about 30 years since Mr. P. came to town a broken Merch't from Boston-I am told. Boys came up in cutter & waited upon me home in the evening. H's folks disapp'td because Hopk's forgot to bring the flute. Found Mr. Root here-lively & funny as usual-obtained a small quantity of cider- for his lady's use in making mince pies. Bargained to me a quantity of rennets-at what I might say they were worth. No charge made for cider. Had just returned from Wilmington, Vt-where was met by his father-Bro't home colt-property of S.H. Brown-that the former kept for the latter. At H. Waters' left Ben Darling & Betsey Street makg eveg calls. G P early part of the day-visited some families S. pt town-soliciting funds for A. Tract Society-to which father gave 50 cs- G. besides put on board cutter 26 dress'd calf s skins.-accomp'd boys to E Village-Delivered the same to J A French for which he paid in full \$26.40 cs- at 80 cs pr lb-there being about 33 lbs.

Boys drove to Furnace-George came on foot to H. Waters'-pd over money aforesaid-came directly home & waited upon father to Friday meeting of which he was also a member. The boys spent but little time in viewing Furnaces. got home in season for G. to attend meeting. The first calf that made its appearance for the season froze or chill'd to death- & that occurred this day- Cooley cow its dam. She was accidentally permitted to stay with others in the S. meadows. No damage to her-We wanted milk in

these days- were obliged to borrow butter.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4. Cont'd really cold-wind mostly at N.W.S. in the eveg.

Cold Merc. 8° below Zero-morning-20°-above highest observed-2° soon aft. dark Up to 6° late in the evening. Third bbl flour unheaded since Nov. 7, 1836. Searched dilligently for supposed lost paper of H. Waters in his locker-Not fd. Went on again to H. Waters-getting there little before noon-Play'd flute to amuse child'n Completed writing for present & put in file large number of Rec'ts, Old Notes & Store Bills which bro't to night. One or more Yates girls dropp'd in occasionally. Aunt Lydia, Adeline & Hopkins came on short visit tow'd evening. Uncle Hi rec'd verbal summons to attend School Meeting at Dr. H. Swift's where Hopks conveyed him in cutter-to see about continuing Miss White's school- which had become-as an Infant establishment't very popular. I want to mention that Hiram Waters as he call'd his hands to supper-likewise invit'd his friend Benjm. Darling to partake with them- tho' he had been employed by a near neighbor, where doubtless he had gone without his dinner-for which however it was presumed no one was to blame. He came in, made every preparation apparently for sitting down-stepped up to the table, call'd for glass of cider-drank it & walk'd out of the back door as if to return immediately ! And that was the last seen of him this evening. After running up to Blackmer's store one mom't seeing M.K. Scott selling goods to ladies- Isaac Ripley present-Came home with folks in cutter- & very agreeably spent the evening conversing with our friend Ripley Walker who purposely came from Gov. T's with Mrs Wrisley & boy in cutter to visit us. On his way by stage to Greenfield, Ms-Would bear compliments to S. Staunton on his return home.

Flour

H Waters Papers

School Meeting

B Darling

Rip. Walker

SUNDAY, MARCH 5. Keen S. wind-some strong A.M. calm at night-broken clds-

Good Sleighing Merc. 18°-36°-17°- Sleighing remarkably good for the season. Geo. waited upon aunt L-Wife & daughter to house of Public Worship- Attended funeral of Mrs P in the morning-Sermons by Ed. W. Hooker. W Hinsdill & D. W. Edgerton came to H. Waters at noon-complained of being deserted at store since Failure. Orville C. Parsons left about noon for Hoosick. Mathias Cobb, of School Master celebrity called-behaved himself very becomingly and to prevent his doing otherwise denied him cider in toto. By permission I read a very well composed & fairly written letter from his son James C Cobb- to his cousin G. N. Briggs-N. Bennington, dated Augusta, Ga, Dec 15, 1837-in which he made earnest enquiry respecting his father-as to bad health habits & occupation- whether he could be reformed &c- Practitioner of Physic- Demonstrator of Medical Science in College there- Doing well we may presume Warm as our May-Planters had commenced plowing- Principall business-raising cotton & Ind. corn.

O C Parsons

M Cobb

Quantity
of writing

From about 11 A.M. to 12 at night wrote rather exceeding 4 pages of this Vol. which at 246 words in a page would amount to 2484-add the half page & it would be 2807.

MONDAY, MARCH 6. Fine cold morning-overcast-P M
brok'n cl'ds-Wind South-Merc.
4°-34°-30°- Mild & thawy 2 or 3 hours or more-
Had big cold-not quite as smart as usual-Mostly
engaged at writing herein.

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SIXTH CONT'd

Mr. Cobb before breakfast
stated in conversation some

particulars of the Battle of Williamsburgh, U.C. fought between Americans & British-Nov. 11, 1813. in which it was his lot to take part-Very communicative & rational-after breakf'st left for Pow'l, Rhode Island, Hill. Father & G. rode in cutter-after "Charley" to Deac. Brimmer's-Petersburgh, N.Y. say 2 miles from Kitchen Corners-for the sake of getting information how to apply eel's gall to one's ear in case of deafness-Returned before sunset. Sleighing fine.

Mistake
Feb 26

It will be seen on turning back to Feb 26-that a large mistake was made in computing solid contents of a certain block of hay-reasoning founded thereon erroneous-

D Jipson
Pensioner

H Waters' employed hands & 2 teams in transportation of wood from lot to his house. Near noon-self & son called up to view cows of Wm. Potter- Old Dr N. Swift Place nothing there that we cared much for Coming home fell into company with Mr. David Jipson Pow'l Rev'y Pensioner, \$ 96 a year in the hands of L. Patchin Esqr-73 years of age-Entered service at ab't 14- Was at Rhode Isl'd, W. Point & elsewhere. Marh'ed for Virginia when the Army went to take Cornwallis-taken sick at Philadelphia-did not join his Reg't until its return from S. In due order-ought to have mentioned his being at W. Point when Arnold left. Told how wearied he was in dragging great guns up the mountain to return them to their places ready for defence-he having, under pretence of getting them repaired, previously removed said guns to favor an expected attack of the enemy. Present at execution of Andre in Orangetown some distance below West Point-where nearly the whole Army marched on that occasion-Officers-in Amer. Army, shed tears, lamenting the fate of the brave Andre- But very different was the universal sentiment respecting the dastardly treachery of the faithless Arnold, whose neck they would have rejoiced to see in the place of Andre's.

G Root

At Mr. Root's rec'd a quantity of dried n-nn-ts-price according to quality at our own discretion.

TUES. MAR. 7.

Moderate S. wind. cldy-but not
very thick-thaaed rapidly-

Merc. 30°-69°-in sun-little over 50° in shade-
Eveg. 42°- Working wood-order of the day- Hopks
waits upon his mother, aunt Ruth & little Mary-
shopping-Returns with Spect. Feb 26-& last Gazette

Great
Cheese

Boy's Com-
pany. W.Sib-
ley-House
Boys

of Bennington-The former contain'd doings at Wash-
ington-Birth Day of W- President's Big 1400 lb
Cheese was cut- its odour filled the Palace-& the
whole City besides- Many things bro't to light by
the Investigating Committees- Letter from General
Jesup-making humble acknowledgement-indirectly to
Gen.Scott-after detailing hard service in which
every man of the Army did his duty-Beat & bro't
to terms the haughty cruel Savages. Hopkins rec'd
the company of his friends,Warren Sibley, David &
Franklin House-all played together pretty busily-
cracking butternuts &c- Warren talked favorably of
working here-the season- It was P.M. when they
came-left tow'd evening- Father chopped no incon-
siderable quantity of wood.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 8.. Unpleasant-heavy gale from S.
or S E. sometimes raining con-
siderably,but rather lightly-time taken altogether
Snow going off rapidly- Wind-very high during the
evening. Merc. 38°-34°-38°- Weather too rough for
out door business,as matter of choice. Some neces-
sary regulations at the barns were made- time
otherwise devoted to reading & company.

Widow Watson
Company

W R Martin

Visitants were Wells R.Martin,lady & babe,Mother-
in-law & Mrs Watson,widow of the late Joseph Wat-
son-formerly waggon maker-N.Bennington- P.M. spent
very agreeably- Cousin Wells seemed to think should
go West to search for a new residence- If he were
able would like to spend the Summer in search of a
proper location. Departed at about sunset. Came in
i 2 horse lumber sleigh - style good enough.

Letter to
C Bisbee

This morning wrote reply to letter of C.Bisbee-
rec'd Feb 15. Let Underhill know that I was not
well pleased with his mode of doing business-
sending word that if I had held on last Fall might
have had for cheese \$11 pr hundred-but when I was
there in Oct- he told me a very different story-
would not give a shilling for Brown's contract-it
was giving too much-never would make anything out
of it-or words to that effect. Wrote that if he
wanted our cheese-could have it at a fair price-
Described that which we proposed selling the pre-
sent season-as being in good order. Requested in-
formation of Bisbee-freely & independently-tell-
ing him at the same time I knew how such specula-
ting fellows as B & U (meaning Brown & Underhill)
felt in regard to that -wishing to keep all dairy-
men in total ignorance of the state of the Markets-
that they might buy cheap & sell dear "just as
anybody would"- Closed the first page by mention-
ing the health of the family & usual compliments.
Added Post Script-in which allusion was made the
Flour Mob-disapproving of that measure unreserved-
ly- Expressed opinion favorable to stationary
price of flour- Recollected visit at his house
last Fall-invited him to return the same accompd
by his lady- Pd.postage on sd. letter..

Pd.postage
on sd.letter

Ben Darling

Benj.Darling,Dr.H.Swift's team,drew wood for H.
Waters-Nearly enough drawn- Perused this eveg.
more of Mexican Travels- Society shockingly deprav-

ed in that unhappy country- Is it possible that all these poor ignorant beings are destined to Eternal Damnation ? Gov't very unstable-all carried on by intrigue & cunning management.

THURSDAY MARCH 9. Thaw continu'd-a part of the day rainy & foggy-began snow'g late in the P.M. of course,cold increasing- But slight wind from any quarter that & chiefly from N. Merc. 40°-38°-34°-30°-. Ben.R.Sears waited upon thither by Hopkins ,in cutter-furnished windows for cow stables which he fitted to their respective places- So pleased us that we put in for 2 more- All the glass at my expence previous to setting- Whole number when completed-4- Will state expense another day. Bro't up writing to end of Wednesday. Of Amos Church-Itinerate dealer in jewelry,purchased bill of silver amounting to \$17-payable at the end of 30 days-Half sett tables \$9.50 Silver One do teas \$6.00-1 creamer-\$1.50-For small wallet Spoons. paid 12 1/2 cs-furnished to Grand Pa.

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B R Sears besides doing windows fix'd up mantle shelf & painted milk pails- Mr.Church seeing it continued stom my,sojourned with us. Put \$1 in hands of friend Sears to purchase glass. It was he who bro't report of the failure of Asahel Booth of E.Village Hopkins wounded himself in his right foot while engaged in chopping off small beech pole-say 5 inches in diameter. Lydia S Waters spent the day here-Followed up my Mexican Travels quite to my heart's content- Cows beginning to come in as we say -Cooley on the 3d-calf chill'd to death-Young Line-8th-Dun on the 9th-Valves doing well- the latter very large & fine.

FRIDAY MARCH 10th- Clear-quite fair-nevertheless thawed considerably- G P Harwood Wd.N- Made settlement with G.P.Harwood for work rendered during 3 months past- Allowed him cre'd by 2 1/2 months labor up to this date-which at \$10 amt'd to \$25. tow'd which had paid \$1.24-balanc'd by Note of \$23.76- due in 30 days if I rightly recollect- After dealing with friend Church to amount of \$1.30 additional,which was paid in bill of fare-& money-he departed. Yesterday engraved spoons in very good stylep Some disposed to levity in his manners & conversation. Said he should probably be here again by the last of April. H Waters Hiram Waters & family paid very welcome & agreeable visit- Returned \$100 hired money-all the interest accruing on the \$200 up to this date & 1. extra- took up note of Oct 11,1836- & gave another for the remaining \$100-due 11 days from date-with use-Interest to be reckoned from 13th inst. Ten days notice to be given when wanted. Geo.P. attended Friday meeting- Hopkins waited upon company home in cutter- They turn'd out & hewell'd road

Snow drift
Eunice Jew-
ett

through snow drift beyond old Dr. Swift place-
Not passable since Jan 22- & perhaps longer time.
State of Merc. 26°-38°-26°- Miss Eunice Jewett
made brief call late in the day-returning from
town-altogether on foot-through thick & thin-
horses in use- Talked about keeping children
which came to her care unsolicited- daughters of
her sister Laura by B.Green- of receiving ab(t
\$200- Cheese monsy from C.Brown-Williamstown-
Dairying &c- Requested me on purchasing cotton
cloth for bandages for cheese- the ensuing season-
that I would also get a supply for her. I told
her I would-she furnishing lucre. Report not true
of Booth's Failure.

A quantity of wood was sawed & otherwise worked up
in which father & H.W. took part-

SATURDAY MARCH 11th. Fair-ground & snow solidly
frozen in the morning- Wd.R.

Thawed very considerably on low grounds-sleighing
going off a pace-Merc. 25°-30°- 28°-20°-

S Robinson

Father & aunt Lydia went on visit to Dr. Sa.,.Robin-
son's-the former spent some very happy moments
with aunt Esther-the Dr's aged & very fine mother.
Geo. work'd at wood-took care of cattle-

Capt.Dewey

I was off on business-partly & partly not-Confer'd
with cap't P.Dewey on purchasing materials in
part for setting up big whey tub-Spent time with
H Waters on same subject, Probably cost-say \$5- In
E.Village-which reached on foot- a few moments at
W.S.Southworth's- himself & D.Clark present-

Pow'l Law-
suit

Expressed my sentiments without reserve in rela-
tion to the termination of late Administration-
glad it had arrived. Mr.Somebody of Pownal engaged
in Lawsuit.-solicited his services-he obeyed the
call- Auditors-Stephen Robinson, J.S.Robinson, & Jed
Dewey- Accompanied by D.Clark walked up to J Nor-
ton's store-Many people present-John in the cellar-

Rices

Advised me to buy stuff of S.Pratt for staves-
would cost probably \$1 pr hundred- Taking my course
down street met Auditors, Lawyers & others making
for A.P.Lyman's office. At shop of H.Norton left
pattern & instructions for making auger to bore
the ground for setting fence posts- He believed he
could make one nearly correct. At S.Weeks' Inn

Eldad Dewey

there appeared numbers of people assembled-amongst
whom were Stephen & Isaac Rice . Spent an hour or
more at Dewey's store-looking at papers & school
books-reading in the former the winding up of Con-
gress at Washington- Amongst others, there was our
old friend Eldad Dewey- who said he was glad Jack-
son had retired- attributed many of his arbitrary
acts to his consciousness of the great Military Pop-
ularity he held among his countrymen- believed Mr.
V.B. would be better for lack of that- had seen &
read his inaugural Address- which profess'd well.

V.Buren

Cross'd over to the Grocery-where old Jonas Camp
& a young boisterous fellow were disputing in
high terms respecting loss of wood by the former-
which he presumed had been stolen from him- Left
disputants & stepp'd to the counter & requested

L Godfrey
Jun'r

the price given for cheese-pointed to a small lot
bo't at 7 cs-wanted to know what quantity I
wished to dispose of ? Told him 17 or 1800 lbs-
Godfrey said farmers miss'd it in keeping over
cheese-better to have sold last Fall- people
in cities were fully determined not to pay high
prices- Butter & cheese both down. Asserted with
the most brazen assurance possible- Barna Wood
present. I had made this inquiry merely to please
myself with the answer. On mentioning it to E.D.
Waters-he told me G. had purchas'd a quantity of
white oaks-at 7 cs- Passing from E to Centre V
was overtaken by a gentleman belonging to Troy-
had frequently seen him in the employment of emi-
nent menchants of that City within 20 years past-
now a partner with Kelloggs- Hardware Dealers-
Short-thick set well looking man-Henry Tator by
name -no friend of Jackson- in haste to take the
W stage. At meeting house parted with him-Rode up
to N.L.Robinson's with Jas S.Merrill- Call'd,but
N.L. was from home-left word that should expect to
purchase a quantity of grass seed. Visited Benning-
ton Book Store- Conversed with Sol Clark & J.C.
Haswell,look'd at books &c- Louisa S came
in hastily- wished to know why John had not,agree-
ably to promise,furnished her with the "The Ladies
Companion "? On which Solomon mostly jeeringly
quiz'd her-as he asserted-very justly-to pay old
debts. Left for Post Office where receiving Ver-
mont Chronicle, which Mr.K. said commenced comg-
with that No.dated Feb 23d past-as entered in his
acc't book-engaged to pay postage quarterly-
But I must return to the Book Store where much
was said against banking especially as to their
tendency to dishonorable bankruptcy-in proof of
which numerous cases of failure were bro't up &c-
John S. Pettibone-being present & joining fully in
the views of my friend Clark & Haswell. After his
exit I asked his name & they told me-Had seen ,
but never knew him before. At Bank obtained \$2
specie for same am't in paper-Busy there- Came to

H.Tator

Miss L.
Short

Vermont
Chronicle

Banking
J.S.Petti-
bone

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Cash pd G R
Sanford

Subscrip-
tion

Merrill & V.D.Spiegel. Paid to
G R Sanford in person 31 cs
acc't pr tin shop. Nov 26.. Maj . A Robinson ,
Sam'l Chandler, & someone not recollected present.
Was informed that there lacked but \$400 tow'd Sub-
scription for the great objects mentioned on Thurs-
day(last) 3d inst. Much more was said but have
not time to give it here. Came~~d~~ directly home.
participated in chores at the barn which now grew
formidable. Devoted a part of the evening to
reading in part the Defence of Maj. Gen. Gaines
before Court of Inquiry at Frederick,Md.

SUNDAY MARCH 12,, Chilly-hazy-Searchg wd.from B.
Merc. 21°-38°-40°-36°-

Father,G.P. Aunt L-my lady & daughter attended

Death of J
Alexander

S. Burtis

Ellen M.
Parsons

Public Service.. The remains of Mr. John Alexander-long a respectable inhabitant of the N. end of this town were this morning consigned to the grave- Aged about 93. Many years since having acquired what in common phrase is pronounced "A handsome property" he adopted Thomas Matteson Jun as his heir & successor, having properly provided in a legal way for the permanent support of himself & lady-the last being now his widow- Find by turning to Jour'l 1832-Jan 17- Father & self visited the old people on sd. day- Early in the day S. Burtis called- being from Hoosick with Ault & another young fellow who were left at H. Waters'- Bro't aunt Ruth a letter from her son Andrew-I mistake- it was from her daughter Ellen- Dated Springfield, N.Y. Feb'y 7, 1837-No bad news- Andrew going off to Indiana. B-after dark-not however very dark-there being a piece of moon-obscured by clouds; went on home on foot-

Plow Points

S H Brown

MONDAY MARCH 13. Continued to thaw-Strong S E wind-Rained much- Merc. 38°- 50°-46°- One calf butchered- Cows demanded & rec'd care & attention. Elihu Wright told us of chance of buying cow of Hiram Hovey-Pownal. Warren Sibley talks of working for us by the month. I was employed in writing out Journal. Looked over Jour'l & day bk to ascertain how many & of whom bo't plow points since Jan'y 1833- Made out 2 procured of Grover's-Nov. 9 same year-paid in ash timber at the Colvin & Olin Mill- Could find no others entered- but G. recollected subsequently of procuring another for which the money was paid down. These were all we had had according to our best recollection since my last settlement with Sam'l H. Brown-winter of 1833- Am this particular because Mr. B. lately mentioned having 2 or 3 points charged to Hiram Harwood- not exactly sure but that it might have been to my namesake. At the moment of his speaking respecting it-I was not sure but that the acc't was correct-but now-do not think so.

Earl of
Chatham

Looked in Gordon-1778-Debates in H of Lords on Conciliatory Measures. Earl of Chatham probably hasten'd his dissolution in the great effort he made on that import' question.

L. Park

S Manches-
ter

H River high

TUESDAY MARCH 14. Heavy gusts N.W. wind-Flying clds-clear eveg-Brooks high. Merc. 32°-30°- perhaps 33°- 21°- evening. Father & G P continued employed on wood pile. Business called me to S. Pratt's-Looked about lumber yard- Made enquiry for S. B. at Ed's-not sure of his being at home. Visited his house where, with lady, family & L. Park he was at dinner. They proposed "A Sugar & Corn Year" Showed pine stuff for big tub staves. well season'd, subject to large waste. 1 1/2 inch thick- at \$1 1/4- deposited in shed against E. end of the barn. could take it at any time. I saw M. Manchester just before going into E's-reported Hoosick River to be broken up- H. Falls bridge gone- & it was rumored the White House B

had shared the same fate. Mr. P & his friend
walked down to Weeks' - I accomp'd them - Heard slight
rumor of S.P. having purchased or being about to
purchase the Weeks stand. Many people about
street - Saw E. Montague & rec'd from him in advance
\$3 for 2 bbls cider - at call. Came home across farms
of Dewey & Brown. Snow lay in deep drifts in
woods & along side fences. Warren Sibley here.

Bridge gone
E Montague
Woodpile
L Jewett
Hovey's cow
Buying cows
El Wright

WED. MARCH 15.. Fair & cold - Flying clds -
March winds - Pleas't Morning.
Merc. 13° - from 26° - to 32° - 21° - at night.
Father & self finished sawing & cutting up wood
pile. Rec'd visit from L. Jewett much in want of
money - Dairy reduced to 10 cows - wished to purchase
10 more or would mostly sell out - didn't care which
Geo. P. with neighbor Wright went out to try the
cow market - At Hovey's - the bird had flown - sold good
cow on Saturday last to drovers for \$30. Four or
five or more damage to me. Buyers of late had be-
come so numerous & the supply so limited as great-
ly to enhance prices. Sales had been affected
even as high as \$42 1/2. Late in the evening re-
turned with 8 yr old cow & calf 4 days old - from
G Y Breese - for which pd \$34. One dollar than was
asked. Felt satisfied with the transaction. Trou-
blesome driving in the evening. calf behaved ill -
It was conjectured they would not return this eveg -
therefore went to see Mrs W to give notice thereof.
After short visit during which conversation ran
pretty briskly on the various stations of life -
the instability of human affairs - the folly of being
elated with possession of riches &c - came home.

Hay
Cows

THURSY MARCH 16.. Cold & pleas't - Wd. N.W - Merc 8° -
26° - 32° - 20° - eveg - Piling wood
commenced. The parcel, of hay mentioned - Feby 20 -
little more than lasted out this day. West scaffold
next in order to be broached - which with the main
mow adjoining north & perhaps half a ton over heads
of horses - made up the whole supply of hay for the
season. The E. scaffold turned out four tons -
well laid on. Business chiefly at the barn.
Geo & Elihu once more visited Hoosick for the
sake of buying cows. Unsuccessful - Young G. Breese
could not be persuaded to sell one which appeared
right - Mr. Russell had 2 fine ones - Son gone from
home - Recently had been inclined not to sell -
They would be at Weeks' - Bennington Centre - on Sat-
urday next - when their determination would be made
known on the subject.

Ague
W. Sibley

FRIDAY, MARCH 17.. Strong S Wd cldy - Storm expect-
ed. Merc. 21° - 46° - 37° -
G butchers 4 calves & performs other common duties
of the season. I spent most of A.M. heating feet by
stove on acc't of ague in left under jaw. P.M.
Warren Sibley being here, had one h. wagg. harness-
ed - rode up street with Hopkins & Adeline. Saw
David Harrison staining or painting at H. Waters'.

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BOOK CASE

Look'd for H. Waters' - shortly
after made his appearance - V.D.

V D Spiegle

Spiegle came in - Rec'd new wash pounder - Spoke
of his \$50 cows - H & self went home with him to
see them - Two really fine - Another with one horn
off & tail cut short - under rated for looks - but
represented as a good milker - I made a bid on her
at \$30 - not accepted - tho' he said it wash higher
than he would have asked. On further considera-
tion I was rather pleased not to be taken up - as
perhaps in our yard she might fare very roughly
from ill treatment of her neighbors - but appear-
ances otherwise would warrant my giving said price -
Returned to Hiram's - across lots - Adeline & Hopkins
having returned from attending to some trifling
concerns up the hill - Called at W. Potter's - Dr.
N Swift's old place - Convers'd a while with his
lady until return of husband with load of wood.

Cow bo't

of Wm. Potter

Represented Elder Green as being a very mean man -
& I presume correctly. Mr. P. being safe returned -
after some preliminary parlance bo't a pet 4 yrs
old heifer & calf, week old - for \$34. He asked \$35.
She bore indications of much future worth - other-
wise my bargain might be called a hard one. He
said he was informed that Jo Perkway of Pownal of
late obtained for a lot of 3 yrs old heifers which
had never had calves - \$30 pr head. Such seemed to
be the order of the day in the cow market. The
result of our conference having been understood by
Mariah, his daughter whose constant practice it had
been to milk said heifer - she burst into tears.
Perhaps she had seen from 10 to 12 years.

V. Buren

Mr. V. Buren's Inaugral - was read chiefly by Hopkins
this evening - not however with much edification to
himself - as many words occur'd new to & not un-
derstood by him. We liked the sentiments & lan-
guage of the Document generally, well - Treated
Abolition right - I am glad he came out so clearly
& fully on that. Took sweat & enjoyed sleep on
settee at night in consequence of ague.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18. Cold sleety aweather during two
thirds of the day - at first

from S - the eveg - from N.W. - Snow going off rapidly -
Bluebirds heard to sing I believe on Friday.

Mercury 40°) 36° - An attempt by G.P. was made to
go out to Mr. Jason Sibley's - to wait upon the Moth-
er of Warren home & to transact some other business
but bad weather prevented. Procured papers &
visited Weeks's - where heard nothing from Hoosick -
came home. In his absence I with assistance from
W Sibley - who now fairly commenced working at \$5
pr mo - , had stabled all cows - Remainder of the day
kept house snugly - renewed the remedies of past
evening for ague in jaw-swollen considerably - no
very desirable appendage - indeed -

W Sibley
hired

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

Cold, high N.W. Wd - Pretty
clear - Merc. 26° - or lower - 28° -

17° - eve. Not up early - housed closely to cure ague
On the same acc't P. not at church - very faithful to

	cows- Warren Sibley waits upon aunt Lydia & Adeline to meeting- goes to his grandfather Sibley's to bring his mother home. She had returned on foot yesterday- Warren meets with trouble coming home- forward axle breaks off in the centre-only in consequence of the wheels falling suddenly into a little gully formed in the ice running directly across the road between R.Wickwire's & Scott's.
Wickwire	Applied for assistance at Mr.W's & was denied. Mr. W being seated reading his Bible. A stranger, tho' in great haste, complied very kindly- for which I record thanks in this place. Leaves wagg. & comes remainder of the way on horseback- Our ladies of course could not get home-staid all night at H. Waters'- Wrote nearly as usual. Finished reading Latrobe's Rambles in Mexico- Very good. In Mrs Child's Frugal House-Wife read some excellent things in the eveg.
Rambles in Mexico	
Marriage of H Har'w. Ben Fay married	Mar 19 1815 -H.Harwood married to S.Stone-in the eveg. by J.E.Rob Esqr. Benj. Elijah Fay on the 15th inst. married to Miss Electa Barney-daughter of L.B. by Rev. Mr.Loomis-Pastor-Cong.Church,E. Village-1837.
	MONDAY MARCH 20. Cold-but not so cutting as at some seasons- Slightly stormy- apparently from N.E. snow much like feathers in falling- Wind came round S. tow'd evening. Merc. 18°-30°-34°- Storm kept me within- Perused statement of Benj Rathbun. Great Business Man of Buffalo who failed last August. On the whole should think him honest.-must think so until he be proved otherwise. The forgeries seem to have been resorted to from force of circumstances- Very bad remedy- Honest men ought to beware how they get into such dilemmas. Ladies from H.Waters' made safe arrival this morning- gallanted by John Godbee- Bro't 2 letters to G.P.Harwood-from S.Raymond Esqr- & Mr.Perrin - Very acceptable, & no doubt, thankfully rec'd by the gent to whom they were written. G. & Hopkins went out in 2 horse waggon in order to bring the other waggon to Ogden's to be repaired. To get information respecting price of cheese, drove round by Harmon's- Mr.H. believed from all he could learn -the article was so scarce in market must command a high price-at all events intended to ask 12 1/2 cs pr lb for what he had on hand. Mr.Tenant Baker in disposing of his part obtained but little more than 10 in Troy recently. At Esqr Hubbell's saw cows for sale at \$25. Past noon when they reached home. Business urged me south. Met Sam Loomis on horseback something was said touching town officers to be chosen at next town meeting Sam said he was born Sept 1781- consequently in his 56th year & some more than 7 years in advance of myself - We reviewed school boy days a moment- Walked to Thompson's at old J.House Place & engaged his sister to work at housework the ensuing season at \$1 pr wk- to begin first Monday in April- to wait upon her hither on Sunday the 2d proximo
Rathbun	
Letters to Geo P	
Price cheese	
S.Loomis	
Ages	
Azuba Thompson.	

Eunice Jewett
Lydia House
Ages

S D Thompson

Stephen Jewett was about there- watching fire- chimney having burnt out in flames-but was likely to do no damage- Made halt a few moments at Eunice & L Jewett's- assisted in unloading sled ld wood for the former who complained of some of the infirmities of age- being near 50- Lydia House 49- Mrs Levi conversed on cheese-business & came up to Judge L.N's & learned of New't Bates that the Judge had cows for sale-at \$35 pr hd- Took slight view & came home. While engaged at chores Mr. Thompson on his return from town accomp'd by his cousin of Pow'l- called to negotiate bargain for his sister, but my seeing her was sufficient. Talk'd, look'd at cs- & was off-

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Wm Potter

Was credited for going & returning very expeditiously- to & from S. part of town- Let me do justice to friend W. Potter of Dr. N. Swift place by stating that he suffered me to ride home with him from Judge N's red houses to Thompson's- Elihu Wright informed us of a cow for sale owned by an Irishman living on Troy Road- short distance this side Farmer's Inn- Price \$33. Considered it best to attend to the Judge's first- So G.P. & self stepp'd down -first to New't Bates' where Elihu arrived before us- merits of the cow talked over- second to the Judge's- who after speaking of late doings at Washington- referred us to Newton wholly on the cow trade. We had inspect'd her by moonlight & made up our minds that it was very doubtful when she would come in. Returned to Bates'- Conditionally agreed respecting said cow- If I should buy elsewhere- probably should not want her- He was to hold on until tomorrow evening for me. Elihu came home with us- agreeing (~~on-the-morrow~~) to go looking cows with Geo. on the morrow. Woodpile advanced slowly. George rec'd his letters pr Mr. W S Parker formerly Principal of Bennington Acad. Now of St. Lawrence Academy- Pottsdam, N.Y.- not Principal however.

Cow at L.
Norton's

W H Parker

Buying cows

Rebecca Judd

TUESDAY, MARCH 21st. Hazy-chilly-hollow S.E. Wd- Gr't storm risg- froz'n eveg. Merc. 30° 40° 30° - Ordinary business moves as usual - Geo. & Elihu go forth on horseback- Old mare & Charley- the former mounted on the latter- beast- purchase Line back cow of Rob't Gardner for \$35. leaving money in hands of E. Reub. Jewett- keeper of Farmer's Inn- whose rec't for the same they took & placed in my hands. Saw sd. Gardner at Anthony Breese's where the bargain was struck. Ordered them to pay over the money to J. & to say nothing to his wife about the business in any way. Mr. Wright could have bo't at Hubbell's for \$25. but some considerations prevented. Arrived from Hoosick past moon. Ladies rec'd company of Miss Rebecca- eldest child of our friend Norman Judd & lady- Rome, N.Y. Resided at present with her aunt Norton- spent few moments conversing with her- Lively & intelligent-

L N's cow

Brother doing well at Chicago, Ill.

G. & self marched to Judge L.N's barn- started out the cow intended for us- Drove up as far as New't B's-halted to take time to run into the house to leave pay- but the beast watching opportunity mounted stonewall where there was a low place-took to her heels & got away from us- exertions to the contrary notwithstanding.. Gave it up as a bad job and came home- not believing the creature to be exactly right for our business..

Gar'd & S.
Duncan
Makg Cheese

Mr. Gardner & Sam Duncan of Pow'l made call during our absence. Commenced saving curds for cheese this day.. Hopk's very sick evening.. Miss R. Judd thirty years of age last May-born at Burlington, Vt-

Big Tub
H Waters'

WEDNESDAY MARCH 22. Roaring E. storm-quite slippery in the mornng. Rain having frozen during its fall over night- Stormy by turns all day- Merc. 32°-30°-32°-34°- Woodpile & barn concerns attended to as usual.. Little more than 10⁰ feet spruce 1 1/4 inch boards from our own lumber pile-well seasoned- were conveyed to H. Waters'- as material for big whey tub now in contemplation. Bottom of pine six feet in diameter-bo't of capt. P. Dewey for \$2. After completing the above & other business, G.P. went to Post Office & procured letter from J.C. Presho- of very interesting character. Dated Natchez, Feb 26-27 past- No time to note contents at present.. Bro't also Spect of late date & Gaz of present week. First cheese of the season put in press. Sleighs put up. Capt, Levi Smedley Jun'r arrived late in the morning from Williamstown. Bro't grist of grain to be ground at Doolittle's mill- for which would be obliged to wait until Thursday.. Mills in W'mst & Pownal could not accomodate him. the former disabled by breaking up of Green River which carried off dams &c. Had with him his elegant bay horse-harness'd side his iron grey-the former 6 yrs old, wanted to sell. Gave full acc't of the prevaricating conduct of the man who bo't cheese of me- Aug 14 or 15-1833- His friends of that day found out his character at this late date. Capt. S. also entertained us with a sort of history of his last summer's tour to the W. Prays with us in the evening..

L, Smedley
Jun'r

Horse bargain

THURSDAY MARCH 23. Continued stormy until past noon- cleared up tolerably pleasant- Wd. E- Growing warmer- Merc. 34°-45°-38°- Mr. Smedley proposed being off in good season to improve the sleighing. He spoke highly in praise of his horse-fully believing he was (were) just such as I wanted. After seeing him proved in harness with Charley-became a convert to that doctrine Giving him my note for \$130- due first Nov next & delivering up the old Dutch Mare- Jenny-now nearly 19 years old-in the bargain-he agreeing to see her used well. His horse he said was six years old reared in Adams. Ms-Reputation good-disposition fine

Armstrong
Cow

Rye ground

H Parsons

Ruth & Mary

Price of cows.

Bo't him last fall in kind of barter way-costing him \$140- valuing him now at \$150- Sound every way excepting little touch of Horse Distemper. For 75 good reasons the aforesd bargain was fully executed & our cousin departed. Ira Armstrong sent his 2d son hither to give notice of young cow for salw at \$35- Geo. & Warren were sent accordingly. The creature was in very low condition-considered bargain hard enough at \$30- Had another- 3 years older- 8 yers old- for which wanted \$45.- Geo. offered him \$40-He refused it-So there was no trading. Got Charley's shoes fix'd at Line Hill & came home. Paid blacksmith for job 20 cs- Geo.puts up 15 bhls rye. ready for carrying to mill- Deacons 2 calves- 15 cows were on the docket atthis date.. Hiel Parsons from H. Falls having come out with his son to take Balch's School- pres't- Term. Came down hither- dined, baited horses & taking with him aunt Ruth & little Mary push'd for home in 2 h wagg. Mr.P. said cows were very high- Asked me if I would take \$45 for big Breese cow & calf ? Replied- No- Not (fer) fifty.

Judge Norton's B'd fence

Weight of young calf

Miss Denio Abolition

FRIDAY MARCH 24.. Continued mild-Snow melting off by piece-meal-Large drifts yet remained near fences. Merc.32°-50°-36°- Boys to mill with 15 bhld rye & i of corn-No grinding-Miller gone- Adeline rides up street - All make goodly report respecting horse. Warren drinks maple sap-had colic to pay for it. Geo & self put up length board fence for Judge L.Norton- on line opposite red houses to keep creatures out of cow pasture- Came home in circuitous way-observing that the water had flowed but little in "Dry Brook" as yet. The cow purchsed in Hoo'sk became the mother of a first rate calf-weighing next day 104 lbs- Woodpile still going up. Mrs D.D.Waters & Miss Denio- daughter of Ariel D. of Rupert-visits here this P.M. Poor Abolitionists ! how they rave and take on ! Let them wince.

Cows

SATURDAY MARCH 25. Fair-muddy-growing cooler. Merc. 40°-46°-34°- Woodpile & other domestic concerns going on as usual. Cows giving milk consum'd gr't quantity of hay daily. Geo. went to mill & performed other business- Elihu Wright being with him a part of the time- Discovered clever cows for sale on farm of N.Edgerton, Esq at 30 & 35 dollars-the former best milker- the latter best in present condition-probably next fall would yield most beef. Geo. reach'd home nearly 4 P.M. Very bad wagg'g

SUNDAY MARCH 26 Comparatively cold in the morning-Fair & rather chilly remainder of the day- Wd.mainly N. Merc. 28°-32°- 29°- allowing me to be right. Father, Lydia & Adeline ride to meeting after "Henry" the newly purchased horse- Faulty in hauling aside now & then & making attempts to call up to horses by the way. George footed it-Travelling very bad.

Funeral of
Judge S.
Wright

Death of
Miss Shields
Death of
Mr. Hill

B R Sears

Window

Cheese
Press

E Jewett

Big tub

S W Daniels

Funeral of Judge Solomon Wright took place this day-Aged about 74. His widow was the daughter of the late Thomas Jewett Esqr. General Josiah Wright brother of the deceas'd was killed by being thrown out of his chaise-a short distance from his house early in the year 1817-

Charles his son, I mean of Judge Sol.-very active attorney-died in Feb'y if I mistake not, 1819-

A young lady by the name of Shields-died recently at Hinsdillsville- funeral this day. Old Mr. Hill of rake-making memory-pensioner- died in the pres't forep't of the winter past- his widow survived him but a few weeks- dying about this time. Their residence was in Pownal- some distance N. the meet- inghouse- Subsequent to the decease of the former- the latter abode with her daughter, Mrs Esty- Writing and feeding cattle made up employment for me.

MONDAY MARCH 27. Cold-unpleas't S. Wd-rain & snow forepart day- Rather free from storm P.M. Wd. contin'd very searching. Merc. 32°-38°-40°-36°- B.R. Sears fitted in 2 barn windows like those mentioned on the 9th. Agreed for one more of the like kind. He was going to hand over 25 cs of the money I let him have that day- but now that we were going to raise another window added 2 cs more to it ordering him therewith to purchase six panes glass for the same- Cheese press beam turned over-trimm'd & returned to its place- No bblt through post and tennons- Upper edges of these, rounded, mortices being calculated to fit exactly-Worked well afterwards, This press was built by S. about the 15th of May 1834- Miss Eunice sent her nephew Samuel J. to negotiate a bargain respecting young calves- to make barter pay No contract.

TUESDAY MARCH 28. Rained slightly in the morning- otherwise quite agreeable- perhaps more like April than had been seen this Spring before. The fourth March cheese put in press- Big tub got home. Made, except bottom, by Hiram Waters & hands-at expense of \$4.80" including some stave stuff furnished by sd. hiram. Say Chandler's bill for hooping-hoops being old wagg tire- furnished by me \$2. Capt P. Dewey \$2 for Bottom. Material at my expense-say \$2- whole would come to \$10.80" Visited residence of S.W. Daniels- Josh Griswold house-across lots on foot a part of the way over ground I never before traversed. Daniels just departed with team for his father's old Doctor Gains Smith Place- His wife said he would prob- ably stop at grist mill to get grain ground pre- vious to carrying it to his father's- So back I pac'd to that stand- but he was not there- Mill not in operation in consequence of miller being under necessity of burying young child. By slow & dilligent step-passing over the old Henderson farm-Vail Place S. or the Harmon road- crossing swamp, then entering Summer pasture a little S E.-

Horses

Harmon

Buy 4th (5th)
cow

thence into woods belonging to the old Smith farm-
Here Greenslit was employed in making maple sugar-
the surrounding grove being almost exclusively maple
Till Daniels Jun. present- Thence descended into the
valley-N. of the old Dr. Smith house in which were
long handsome ditches of late construction-soon
gained the house where Sylvanus had arrived only a
few moments before. Discharged 1d of potatoes quick-
ly-Till assisting- Some fine cider being quaffed-
were away- T. in company for home. Good team-brown
mare & bay horse which he rec'd of us in payment
for services rendered previous to March 1831- The
former 8-the latter 7 yrs of age-progeny of the
mare mentioned 23rd-whence also "Charley"- Would
sell horses, harness & waggon for \$200-all in good
order- about to go West looking a place- At Mr. Har-
mon'd made enquiry respecting price of cheese.
Mr. H. had made no sale- a letter was in the P.O.
supposed to be from a gentleman in Albany on that
subject-would let me know the resuly on the morrow
Drove down to Hinsdillville, Saw U. Edgerton Esqr
with whom firmly agreed to have one of his cows-
to take my choice. On telling him I preferred the
red one-he broke out-that he would rather have the
other by \$10- Prices were \$30 & \$ 35. I resolved
to see them once more- so accomp'd my friends home-
Looked at & made enquiry respecting those animals-
That which I meant to take off was thin limbed-
slim neck, smallish head- short light horns with
many other good omens, but low in flesh.

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S W D
Dine with
him

the other was in very much bet-
ter condition, but according
to the judgment of those skilled in the selection
of good milkers, lacked many marks belonging to
that class- She was 9 years old- 2 yrs in advance
of her mate. Let it strongly understood that the
thirty dollar cow should be mine- Dined-agreed for
10 bbls oats of Sylvanus at 50 cs cash & 2d hand wa-
ggon shoe for \$1 payable next fall- S & his
brother were going to transport hay to Cashier J. M
Hinsdill's- My friend told me if I rightly under-
stood him, that he owed no man anything. While
at the W. should leave his lady & boy at his fath-
er's. Crossed over to Breese's-where formerly liv'd
Deac. Z French-leaving road to the left walk'd the
field belonging by will to the heirs of Page
Haynes who for \$100 sold the use of it during his
natural life to the Walbridge's-Soon reached res-
idence of Dr. Sam- Made short halt- saw aunts Sarah
& Theodosia-tolerably well-Nuncle S. on business
in E. Village. Came on up the old Col. Sam road &
soon after in passing A. J. Haswell's-stopp'd a
mom't to converse & assisted in taking up stray
horse running apparently from the main street with
saddle on, but no bridle which doubtless he had
slipp'd- He was quite determined to give us the go-
by-but we were too many for him and Anthony led
him into the street enquiring the owner, but I
staid not to know the result.. Anthony stated that

Ages of
A & A J
Haswell

Wright &
Root

T S Kent

his father was born in April 1756 - himself 1780 in Nov. At the store of the late F. Blackmer Esq'r bo't 12 ft 3/4 inch rope for sustaining weights of cheese-press - for which paid 26 cs - Capt. A. Hyde & I believe Capt P. Dewey were present. At home they had company - Mrs Wright & children & Mrs Root & babe - Mr. R. waited upon them home. Thomas Scott Kent & lady on Friday last cleared the neighborhood for the residence of Aaron Hubbell Esqr. Thomas was about 5 years of age when his father came to live in the Dr. Fay house - Spring of 1818. Mercury arose from 43° - to 50° - 48° - evening.

Town Meet-
ing

WED. MARCH 29.

Very rough-high N.W. Snow squall on mountains - Froze up solid at night - Merc. 26° - 25° - 22° - at night. Father & self attended Town meeting - Hon. Hiland Hall - Moderator W. Haswell, Esqr, Clerk - Selectmen of 1836 - reappointed - So generally of the remainder of the servants of the town. Pretty strong objection was raised against Mr. Fisk as Collector & first Constable because he held the app't of Deputy under Sheriff J. Norton. I knew him to be a first rate Collector - would not exchange him for any one of my acquaintances. Was elected by a large majority - Some opposition was made to the reelection of Dan'l A. Rudd to the office of 2d Constable, but it was carri'd overwhelmingly. The meeting was most outrageously noisy - almost impossible to get on with business - Pur Moderator too exerted himself manfully - but to little effect. It being the year in which a new assessment of property should be taken 5 Listers were chosen - two only of whom I can recollect - Capt. P. Dewey & Stephen Robinson. Against the last some, foolishly nominated Job Burt - but on trying the vote - the former was carried by a grand majority. The whole batch were appointed by nomination. For the first time I was present with the Authority of the Town in nominating Grand & Pet't Jurors to serve the ensuing year. Among the latter was the name of Hiram Harwood about which there arose some dispute whether it meant me or my namesake at the N. part of the town. I told them it must be for me as I was the eldest & of course no distinctive appellation could be required to follow my name. There it ended. Took no active part in the great business of the day - which however was quite important on Taxes; Surplus, Revenue Money, Division of the proceeds of School Fund &c &c. On the last much was said. Caot. David Robinson on that was fine - was for continuing it whole & untouched one year longer. He told us that since himself, Judge L. Nortm & another gentleman, whose name I do not recollect, committee on School Fund - March 1822 - looked up demands & papers connected with that concern, it had risen from \$1400 to about 5 or \$6000 - & if it could be suffered to remain untouched one year more it would then in conjunction with the Surplus money - yield an income that could amount to a sum equal to, or more, than our 2 ct tax & therefore cause that to cease. But were

Judge S.
Robinson

he to give way to mere feelings of self interest-
looking no farther than the present time-he would
be for dividing the money. Gen.Blackmer advocated
the division- feeling dreadfully sensitive in re-
gard to the poor man having taxes to pay- How wrong
how unjust it was to deny the people an equal &
pprompt distribution of the proceeds of sd. fund.
Just such stuff as he has often on the same subject
thrown out to the multitude. Time & proper manage-
ment make the best reply to his argument. These
money concerns were, I believe, postponed indefi-
nitely.. Dr. S.Robinson put in for relief and was
turned over to the Selectmen with instructions to
make an equitable adjustment of accounts between
the parties-to do what they deemed right.
While the Town Authority sat in conclave-forgot
to mention the administration of the oath of office
to Selectmen & Listers by Judge Stephen Robinson
at the suggestion of Mr.Moderator- Very appropri-
ately done too. The room occupied, was in the
house of Gen. Bailey-opposite Bar Room. After see-
ing S.Loomis Esqr app'd Surveyor of Highway-S.Dis-
trict- retir ed for good. There are many things
respecting Town doings-which it would be worth while
to note here, but so much hubbub & confusion prevail
ed & I was so intent on personal concerns-as to ren-
der it next to impossible to do it. Paid B.W.Jack-
son in full for making Lydia Harwood's slips 87 1/2
cents.

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But barley

Farm for
Poor

Ordered another pair for the
same, Contracted for use of
Mbnister with one of aunt Katy Armstrong's ~~son~~ sons
Price to be at about what's right. Put in for 5
bbls barley at Joseph Nelson's at \$1- Owned too that
it contained good many oats. I would mention
that the policy of appropriating a part of the sur-
plus money to the purchase of a farm for town pau-
pers underwent long & earnest discussion-while the
Article was up- Postponed. At home Geo. & ladies
took away Nth cheese cupboard- N.end kitchen.

Whey spouts

H Waters
Timber

THURSDAY, MARCH 30. Very cold-particularly in the
morning-Cl'r-Gr'd froze. Merc.
18°-32°-24°- Last for late evening. Box fitted up
for containing weights. - fill'd & suspended at
or near end of press beam- Timber for whey spouts
procured-Two pieces poplar-one bass- selected by H
Waters in his woods. drawn down & left near "Dry
Brook" against upper orchard-& by his leave taken
for our use- being with another of the same de-
scription put to like use July 2, 1836-rec'd in pay-
ment for or tow'd wood accidentally chopp'd on our
side the line between his possessions & ours by
Seth Dunn in the fall of 1833.

S Bingham

Big tub

Neighbor Stephen Bingham came over to look at cows
& make enquiry as to purchases-wishing himself-to
try the market- Staid more than a hour. Filled
big whey tub with water-leaked but little.

Wraxall

George 1st

In Omnibus No. 11 is commencement of Wraxall's Letters- Sept 1777-curiously touching upon male & female characters connected with the Royal Family of Gr't Brit. Very interesting. George First-born 1660 His wife 1666- Latter died Nov 1726. Former in June 1727. They lived separate about 40 years. The Princess was suspected with intimacy with Konigs-mark-but I believe wrongfully- tho' it must be owned she was imprudent in her conduct as is frequently the case with great ladies.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31. Sharp chilly S. wind-freezing rain commenced at night. Merc.

26°-40°-32°-

Veal

Sweeping out barn floor-clearing out cheese press office-deaconing young calves, butchering, dressing & carrying off fair veal of 3 wks & day's growth-produce of heifer bo't of Wm. Potter- constituted principal business of the day. Father continued piling wood. Evening wrote letter to W.E. Brayton Esqr, P.M. N. Adams-making inquiry respecting price of cheese in Adams, Cheshire & elsewhere-Rather in smuggling way. Rec'd Natchez paper from J.C. Presho-Mailed March 1.

Paper from
Presho

SATURDAY APRIL 1. Severe rain in the morning- changed to snow-held on until

Snow

noon or after- Quite sledding-tho' there were deep mud at bottom- N.W. Wd-snow flying all P.M. Merc. 34°-32°-30°- & lower than that in the evening. Large 2 curd cheese for the season-made & put in press: Geo. & Warrenm mounted on wood shod sled-breasting the storm-drove to Josh Griswold house- S.W. Daniels-left with him \$30 for Edgerton's red cow-bo't of Sylvanus 10 bbls good oats-paid him in full \$5- Rec'd waggon shoe as agreed upon-Mar. 28- Drove home cow & team all in safety. Attention to stock-the main occupation at home. In regard to hay-the main W. mow N. scaffold-say 19 feet from E to W and 15 wide- reaching rather above the great beams remained entire. and besides there was a supply in new barn over horse stable for awhile & enough otherwise so that we should not be obliged actually to commence on the above before 2d inst. Estimated big mow at 10 tons- Spoke to have it hold out 40 days.

Edgerton's
cow home

Hay

SUNDAY APRIL 2. Much winter-Pretty clear- N.W Wd blew stoutly all A.M.

Merc. 26°-32°-34°-28°- Aunt L, G & Ad M. off to meeting- Father remained at home. Forwarded billet to B R Sears-requesting hand to hew next day. Towards evening Hopkins was despatched to the Jo. House Place-whence returned with Miss Thompson in one h. wagg-to work for us as agreed on Mar. 20.

Az. Thomp-
son

MONDAY APRIL 3d.

Winter continued-stormy morning-Sudden shower-rain & snow

Fobes for
Sears

P.M. Unpleas't enough- Merc. 34°-44°-32°- Too stormy for business abroad A.M. but afternoon Fobes- the man B R S. worked at hewing whey trough timber. After getting cheese in press, took off

beard & prepared for town. But gave up the project by reason of rough weather-writing Journal instead of so doing.

TUESDAY APRIL 4. Still cold-not much sunshine-hazy-Merc.26°-34°-. Fobes on late & off early- having private business to attend to- Gets out timber for gateposts as well as troughs or spouts. I got up street. Bespoke work at tinshop V.D. Spiegle present. Call at H.Waters'- at Post Office-S.C.Raymond,A.Doty,& others present- Good news from N.Y.- N.Biddle comes forward with relief to Merchants from Pennsylvania U.S.B. Leave note for \$50 to Bennington Bank signed by self & G.P. Harwood-to run two months-at sd.Bk. Cashier nearly giving assurance that it would be discounted Rec'd Omnibus at J.S.Haswell's- Made settlement with N.L.Robinson- Made him Dr. \$3-for 2 bbls cider- Rec'd goods to am't of \$3.29"-Paid balance in full in money- & bo't 1 lb tea for 71 cs on C'r. Finding David Robinson Jun conversed with one of aunt K Armstrong's sons against B.F.Fay's Patent Scales- took occasion to converse respecting his father's wood lot ad joining S.H.Brown's farm. telling him it would be exposed to inroads of a large flock of sheep to be kept by friend Samuel & Potters-his new tenants- Wishing to know if he would like to have cattle or sheep run at large there- & if not whether he would grant us leave to cut materials for & liberty to erect a fence against those animals ? It was far from his wish to have them there- Might procure materials & erect fence as required &c- I wished to have this liberty because in self defence we might be driven to the necessity of making said fence. At W.Haswell's rec'd copies of Laws of Vt. passed 1835 & 1836-N.L.Rob pres't- Declined invitation to dinner.

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L Patchin
& Co dis-
solved

Gate latch

School of
Architecture
Hose

L Patchin & P L Robinson were taking an inventory of goods preparatory to settlement of Partnership between them. My wife, son & daughter took up bill of goods this day bo't of L.Patchin on Cr. amounting to \$5.28 Principally cott sheeting. Bo't of Merrill & V.D. Spiegle another bill composed of sundry articles in their line \$1.81 cashed. Obtained Spect.Mar 24 or 28 at F.Blackmer's- Rec'd instruction respecting an improvement in latch for large gate from B.R. Sears- Dined at H.Waters' hands fully engaged- Architectural School still in operation- Waters & Sears attending- Six feet 2 inch leathern hose rec'd on Cr- at J.Hicks' for running whey. Rode home in wagg. Father is strongly opposed to our project in the whey operation. S.Chandler's charge for setting hoops on big tub-was \$1.50- Articles rec'd at tin shop made by Potter in employm't of Sanford & B were large dipper of sheet iron-old handle furnished-3/0-two small do tin- 2/0 tot'l (\$) 5/0 on Cr.

WED. APRIL 5.

Yet cold-Clear with slight
haze-Many snow banks remain.

Merc. 20°-34°-37°- perhaps even to 40°- 34°-

Wheying
establish-
ment

Fobes
Nails

New whey conductors or troughs completed-put in po-
sition, bored & plugged- Big tub with hose attached
to bottom- set & filled with water- with which ex-
periment is successfully made. A fifth window for
barn-made by Sears is fitted in-centre S. Stable-
new barn-by Fobes who performed full days work.
L. Patch. Hopkins waits upon aunt Lydia to H. Waters'
does errands- gets nails at L. Patchin's on book-
say 3 lbs- 1 lb wrought at M & V D's-pd & conveyed
about 20 lbs butter to N.L. Robinson's-at 22 cs.
No letter from Brayton. Evening perused Wraxall
farther respecting Frederick of Prussia.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6.

Cold morning-mild spring day-

Merc. 24°-48°-40°- With stuff

Capt. Hicks

for building cheese casks & 1 1/2 bbls wint. wheat
start out with 2 horse-waggon for N.W. pt. town-
Capt. Hicks appears bo't cow & calf of Sam'l H. Brown-
keeps nearly up with us as far as H. Waters'-where
he halted- Our little dog coming rather in contact
with his cow-he snarled out something pretty hot on
the utility (in) of dogs- In one moment afterwards
the cow gave him the dodge- & was pulling for home
with might & main. I ran to head her & by help of
the old gent did so. See how I paid him for scold-
ing me. H. Waters' sent bag Ind corn by us to mill.

Money rec'd
at Bank

At Bank rec'd \$50-discount off for two months-
Present J. Hubbell Esqr- & Ham Gay- Met with Mr. Ful-
ler with team near D. Robinson's Jun's- Saw Dr. S.
Robinson-said he wished to dispose of fine young
cow- Signified to him did not want to buy. At
Walbridge's found new miller-James Harwood gone with
family to D. Matteson's Shaftsbury in the milling
business. Left grain to be ground-driving to Ful-
ler's with material for cheese casks of which be-
spoke 6-to be finished if possible on Saturday next-
at 37 1/2 cs pr cask-would not do them for less-
lost money on these made last Fall. Returned by
Deac. Hinsdill's to grist mill- grists not done-
Isaac Cole presented himself-crossed over onto the
Island with me- Very sociable while I looked up
Basswood, oak & beech stuff recently sawed to order-
on our acc't.. Saw mill in lively motion. Esq'r Steb-
bly employed. Cole said he wished to buy a good cow
cow. Stebbens D. had informed him he had 2 \$40 cows-
might take his choice. Went with him to view- Saw
none for which I would pay that am't. Hay scarce
in his barn-it was said he wanted to buy. Returned
to grist mill & after further conversation, Mr. Cole
left.. Tock team to mill yard & loaded 2 stocks oak
scantling sawed for making large gates. Salem
White & boy were employed in loading bass boards
for himself-of good quality- On getting flour &
meal at the mill for former paid 21 cs- there having
been 1 1/2 bbls wheat- rated at \$1.75"- toll at 1/12
The latter being for H. Waters was toll'd in the usu-
al way- Started for home-mud extremely deep in
places. But before its too late let me say in going

D Fuller

I Cole

Scantling

Toll

Syl's
Daniels

Dutch mare

Hopkins
wound
Dr H Swift
Letter to
L Smedley

down met Syl's W. Daniels on road between Dr. Sam's and capt. Nicholls' - halted and conversed sometime. Had not made sale of team, harness or waggon. Singular coincidence - 3 of our late Dutch Bay mare's colts - all she ever had - were together - may be for the last time. On the way home left team at foot of Col. Sam's hill & footed it to B.R. Sears' to get long stopper made to big tub-by Fobes - Much business in agitation here - in shop & on new house. Joined Hopkins in street-made inquiry for letter at Post Office - None. While Hopkins halted at H. Waters' to have Dr. Swift's inspection & advice respecting wound. Wrote letter at F. Blackmer's store to Capt. L. Smedley Jun. to induce him to reply to me next mail how dairymen in Adams & c - sold cheese whether, if he could, learn sily, Brown wanted our cheese & what Almond Cole had done with his dairy ? & c. To guard against his opening it in Post Office wrote outside "Private" "Forward Forthwith" - Post Paid - They served us with good apple pie at H. Waters'. Borrowed Vol old Spect. & came home. Father soon after came from the barn complaining of having been roughly kicked by one of the cows. Perused in Omnibus, Story of raising an apparition in Palace at or near Dresden. - 1773 or 4 - Curious story indeed. Father appeared to be considerably affected by blows rec'd in barn - but nothing very serious was apprehended. George fitted up cow stalls.

FRIDAY, APRIL &. 7 Spring weather - tho' cldy & hazy
Great Sundog seen in the E.

State Fast

Omnibus

this morning at 8 or 9 o'clock - Infallible sign of storm. Merc. 28° - mg - 48° - 4 P.M. Verm't State Fast No servile labor performed here other than such as is usual on the Sabbath. Grandfather much better than was expected this morning Geo. & Adeline rode to meeting. As much as I could, wrote Jour'l.

In Omnibus - No. 12 - is to be found good article on late Geological publication. Last cheese out of press weighed 81 lbs - put another in this day. Business at the barn constantly accumulating - all going on right so far as known.

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Thund'r
Storm

Cheese
casks

Rained much, the night past - fair awhile in the morning or rather a holding up then after about 9 o'clock came on heavy thunder showers - Cleared up fine at noon - Three P.M. commenced another real thund. shower - which after holding on some time changed to snow, which we may suppose continued all night - It began the most driving of any storm known the present season. Merc. 44° - mg - 40° - early eveg. Cheese ~~casks~~ bro't home by Hopkins & Warren - who waited some time for their completion - Paid bill of \$2.25 for making - Got home just at commencem't of last shower - Warren sick during evening. Geo. & self besides being up to barn concerns - made farther improvements about big tub

Aqueduct

& spouts. Fitted up smoke house for reception of meal preparatory to feeding cows in stalls- Geo. inspected pipe at the fountain-not in good order-but by clearing away some impediments- let down an additional supply of water. "Ruth" the cow last purchased came to the honor of being the parent of a (very) large male calf- Evening practiced music & looked over Jour'l- 1821, 1823, 1826 &c- Two boys from East Village were sent up by L.S. Patchin for butter of which 10 lbs were furnished at 20 cs cash.

Price butter

SUNDAY-APRIL 9. Snow storm held on from E or N.E. much like winter- except being much more mild, until about noon. Wind strong E- Commenced snowing again about 3 P.M. continued the day out. Merc. 32°-36°-30°- In consideration of snow storm & deep mud-no going to church here. But the girl Thompson just paced the lots & rode home 2 miles or more & back on foot-as light as a cork-no thanks to any body. Streams high. Wraxall made up my chief reading-when not writing.

Letter to Arnolds.

Letter from W E Brayton

MONDAY APRIL 10. Continued very like winter great part of the morning- But however chilly the air-the snow slowly dissolved-enriching mowing & pasture grounds-no doubt very materially. Merc. 32°-42°-32°- Early in the day wrote line to O & A Arnold, Troy, N.Y.- Making known my intention of forwarding cheese to Arnolds Leggett & Lapham-enquiring cost of transportation down the River- Price (probably one), Commission, how soon it could go &c &c requesting reply tomorrow-Postage at my expense both ways. Rec'd line from W. E. Brayton Esq'r P.M.-N. Adams, Ms-date 6th. inst Stating in substance-cheese sold thereabouts from 10 to 10 1/2 cs-if he had cheese to sell-should do so soon-as in his opinion the price would fall- Other provisions were falling & of course cheese must go with them. E. Wright said he wanted to leave town but his creditors were unwilling to spare him. Cut through, or say across hay mow-now ab't 10 ft high-

Heavy veal high price

Wheying cows

TUESDAY, APRIL 11. Tolerably pleas't- Snow going off- Roads deep & very bad- Frost coming out- Worst kind of travelling. Merc. 32°-46°-32°- Three quarters very fine veal carried off & sold- Produce of cow bo't of G.Y. Breese, Hoosick N.Y.-Mar 9, 1835-now 10 yrs old- Qrs. sd. veal weighed 102 3/4-Hide 13 1/2 lbs- Being worth at the rate sold \$7.05 to which add 25" for run-net- \$7.30 is the full am't- First attempt this morning at wheying cows on the new plan-succeeds well- Geo. besides disposing of veal-brings home-land side to plow & ground auger-to be used in setting posts where

S H Brown
Landside
Ground Auger
Eunice Jewett
& her mother

stones do not impede its way. The former article was procured at Pocket Furnace-on ACCBT of S.H. Brown at \$1. The latter made by Henry Norton, E. Village - could not tell then the price- Eunice Jewett with her mother came on visit late in the day Agrees for 2 young calves at 75 cs- To take them away on the morrow. Father visited at H. Waters'- Aunt Lydia comes home. Warren Sibley commences clubbing manure in meadows.

WED. APRIL 12. Very Springy-fair- Merc. 27°- 50°- 58°-42°- Fence broken

Dec. 21, 1836, repaired. See Dec. 21- All hands club manure. Hopkins goes on horseback to post office- Returnw with 3 letters-one dated Mar. 10 at Pekatoneka (Illinois) 10⁰ miles from Chicago from J.A. Wight-Maech't-in health-doing well- Lost his mother last December. Gives handsome laconic account of himself. Another from Levi Smedley, Jun. Wms'town-dated 11th-making very satisfactory replies to my inquiries. C. Brown hadp pd. for best cheese from 10 1/2 to 11 1/2 cs- as informed by A.B. Cole- who himself had sent offh his to N.Y. by his brother. Mr. Mather, Merch't reported cheese to be selling in N.Y. at from 9 1/2 to 11 1/2 cs. Called at Brown's- could draw nothing from his clerks as to prices. Mr. Hosford rather seemed willing to buy. But conceiv'd travelling too bad at pres't to come & look at it. Family in usual health. (Much obliged to my cousin therefor) & Third- From A. Bills- Which I copy. H. Harwood

Letter from
J A Wight

G Smedley
Jun

A Bills

We rec'd yours of the 10th this morning & in reply shall observe that sloops charge 8 cs pr 100 and towboats 10 cs. Commission in N.Y.-3 pr cent-no pay for casks & what the article is worth cannot say- as I have been out of the store for a month past and Amos & James have just gone to N.Y.-Sign'd

O & A Arnold
A. Bills

Troy 4- Mo. 11

Cash from
E Jewett
Miss R. Judd

All these afforded high satisfaction-37 1/2 cs postage to the contrary, notwithstanding. Neighbor Eunice sent for calves pr J. Searls-for which pd \$1.50 in full. Miss Rebecca Judd made call this morning-apparently in fine spirits-conversed with wonted affability & ease. Father & family at Rome N.Y. as well as pr late letter. With her aunt Norton should ere long return home. Wrote letter to Arnolds, Leggett & Lapham-No 36 Front St N.Y. Requesting them to sell the cheese to the best advantage-according to their best judgment.

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stated the manner in which it was kept during the winter-assured them of its being a good article-of which

enclosed bill as weighed by our scales. In P.S. requested them to enclose Draft on Bank here so snugly as to elude vigilance of our P.M. & requested to have Adonijah Underhill notified of arrival of cheese that he might have chance to buy- but on their terms exclusively. In the body of the letter proposed receiving funds through B. Bank- not expecting anything until they had realized the whole proceeds. Mentioned prices as learned from Mr.S. without giving my authority & then on the 13th perhaps rather unwisely-gave an opinion that I ought to get 11 cs in market- but still-considered it no bar to their instructions-which in effect (were) to get all they could for it. Stated among the rest, that should have forwarded earlier. but for awaiting opportunity to make sale here. Expected Capt.Hawks to come after cheese but was disappointed.N.L.Robinson made call-pd. for 20 14/16 lbs butter in full.

Capt Hawks

Roads bad

THURS.APRIL 13. Another day very like Spring-warm
Roads horrible-Merc.28°-65°-

Sent my son to Capt H's very early-Returned with information that he had not arrived from last trip yo Troy. I grew uneasy-concluded on forwarding by our own team, but the ways being so very bad-presumed it would require an additional horse-therefore, while the boys were fitting up team & waggon, march'd off in quest of one. But halted at our new neighbor's- Messrs Potters- Seeing Billy Hitchcock-engaged him to start for Troy at 1 P.M.- Accordingly he came on-took in 5 casks cheese to deliver at Tow B't Office Troy-To bring me Rec't. from Clerk of the Office for the same. He bore the letter to A.L & L-enclosed in envelope on which was endorsed-Super-scription of sd. letter- to accompany cheese from H.Harwood to N.Y. Agreed to defend it against heat by covering it with buffaloes & horse blankets- to see respecting time of transportation &c &c- as if it were his own. Paid him for transportation in full \$5. Lbs.1824, Ch. casks 164.

Cheese sent
of pr Billy
Hitchcock

Shantee de-
molished

We raised to the ground a shantee built in the latter part of May 1823 which date may be consulted in Jour'l Vol.6- Roof partly rotten-composed of boards only. Devoted evening to reading letter from J.A. Wight which had been decipher'd and penciled out by Adeline-having been wet & become in part almost illegible. Taken as a whole-should pronounce it the best he ever sent me. On his mother's death his sentiments were expressed in language-handsome, appropriate & solemn. Also read some of Wraxall on Poland. Twenty six cows had come in up to this date.

J A Wight

Board fence

FRIDAY, APRIL 14. Unsteady-cloudy-some flaws of wind-now & then short showers of snow & rain-even early in the morning commenced so-Merc.34°-mg-38°-at night. A fence to run across orchard from N W. corner Gardner to corner meadow directly W., was commenced, but on acc't of bad weather & for other reasons progressed tardily. The rain water tub -bo't in 1832-was removed from the spot it

Rain water
tyb

Sink pipe
out of order

it occupied ever since-to another just E. of the old well-now covered with large flat stone-filled with water. Another trouble came upon us. Sink pipe refused to swallow. Grapevines of suitable size & length were cut & introduced repeatedly without removing the obstruction in the least. Mouth of the well uncovered-round bar, or rod of iron insinuated into the pipe from that direction, but with no better success- So we formed an opinion that the wall of the well through which sd. pipe was inserted had undergone some revolution by frost-settled down on to it so closely as to stop the passage entirely- No way but to empty big rain water tub- which was admirably founded-remove the same- dig down to the pipe-remove the stones in the region of the obstruction-take up & examine minutely in order to ascertain cause exactly.

Nails

Hopkins this morning waited upon Adeline up street- Bo't & paid 18 cs for 2 lbs cut 8'd nails at L. Patchins- 8 lbs 10'd cuts-Good of the kind at L. Norton's- late F. Black's for which pd. 72 cs- To M.K. Scott, Clk- Bro't Sepct. of Apl 4 & 7-in one of which were extracts of a Traveller at the W. who stated among

Violin played the rest that plowmen among the prairies had been known to be so happily seated on or over their plows by plowmen. as to be found playing on the violin. so neatly & exactly did the implement move.

Gate Latches
H Norton
Quantity
Cheese

On the 13th Hopkins conveyed verbal instructions to H. Norton E.V. how to make latches for 2 large gates. Omitted on Monday to note down casking & weighing 1824 lbs cheese in fine order

Bad Travelling

SATURDAY, APRIL 15. In the main pleasant-tho' the mountains shewed up great masses of snow-and many a bank-reduced vastly in size, yet remained by the side of fences & in other localities. Travelling never worse- especially on main road from S.H. Brown's to meeting house or rather say to S. Chandler's. We tried it in big waggon going to Town Meeting. Merc. 38°-42°-54°-42°- Fence continued-much impeded by frost-through which it was difficult to penetrate in sinking holes for posts. Neighbor's sheep broke over enclosures- N. end farm. Some repairs were effected in old wall built in 1816. Attended Town Meeting- convened early P.M. Of 7 articles only the last was acted on & that partially. Committee of three appointed to enquire into and thoroughly to examine in all its bearings the subject of buying farm for the support of the poor of the Town-either by itself or in connection with other towns- To report in writing to some future Town Meeting- O.C. Merrill, E.D. Hubbell & D. Robinson Jun-Committee- Meeting adjourned "Sine Die". Gen'l Green Blackmer-Moderator-

Neighbors
Flock

Cheese
Contract

Rec'd information, which came to late from Benson Harmon that he had negotiated a bargain for delivery of our cheese in Albany at 11 cs pr lb-which could I have known (it) in season-would have gladly fulfill'd The course I had taken in my opinion would not result to my benefit-equal to that-but must trust to fortune-fickle dame- Opposite H. Waters' met Wm Hitchcock-with

Cheese Rec't
from T.B's
office 4 h.team just returned from Troy- handed me Rec't
for 5 casks Cheese-pr Hitchcock-to forward to N.Y.
in my name. Interlined- "Wet"- came in rain"-----
Signed ----- J.K.Hooker-Pr W.O.Parker.
H. said it rained slightly before arrival-cov'd
cheese to keep it off.

Butter to
N L Rob. 1837 Bennington, April 16, 1837
15th CONTINUED. Deliv'd to N.L.Robinson Lbs
24 3/4 at 20 cs-\$4.95 tow'd
which rec'd 95 cs-remainder to be paid middle next
week. He imagined there was a mistake by us in
weighing the batch deliv'd next before this, but by
trying the same pot equally full-became thoroughly
convinced it was correct.
Aunt Lydia who rode up with us remained at H.Waters'
Aunt Theodosia came home with us.
Gate Latches Henry Norton said our gate latches were finished to
order. In the crowd, which verily was not dense,
T.Meeting for our Meeting was very respectable, saw Aus. Harmon
Jun-Judge Stephen Robinson, E Montague, Libeus Barney,
A Rice, capt J.Hicks, John Murphy-Sam H.Blackmer, Hon.
Tub bottom H.Hall, &c. Spoke with capt.P.Dewey respecting over-
pay for bottom of tub, which as I was informed by H.
Waters was rated at 2 cs pr foot. but in calculating
contents a mistake was made of about 1/4th added to
the real am't which was but 72 feet whereas I paid
through H.Waters for 100 feet-at \$2- But, as H.W.
stated it, had there been no mistake in reckoning,
the demand would have been only \$1.44- Ask'd him,
Capt.P if he understood it as above stated-said he
did not- He supposed it taken at the round sum of
\$2-at which he valued it- & that cheaply. Not will-
ing nor did he conceive himself under the least ob-
ligation to pay back anything. Afterwards mention-
ed this conversation to Hiram who stuck to it, he
was right himself as to the transaction and capt.P
wrong & if he refused to rectify the mistake-he
would not do honorably.

Death of
Mrs Crosett SUNDAY, APRIL 16. Cloudy, damp-heavy wind S. which
rather lull'd tow'd evening-Late
P.M. grew dark-Merc. 42°-54°- Geo. & Adeline were at
church all day-My lady on foot half day only- The
death of Mrs Olivia Crossett 2d daughter of Col.M.
Norton-aged 43 or 44, was announced. Illness of long
standing-leaving husband & 6 or 8 children to mourn
her departure.

H H Harwood
enters school MONDAY) APRIL 17. Chilly-unpleas't-scowly- Merc.
36°-52° (Sun) 42°- Building
bd. fence & clubbing manure. Hopk's at length com-
mences going to school-under Balch & Miss Chapin-
Term began 23d March.
Letter to
Presho Began letter to J.C.Presho in reply to his of Feb
26-7-rec'd Mar 22- One part described new wheying
establishment. A very green Yankeeified pedlar of
Pedlar essences call'd- Had dinner & oats for which pd.hon-
orably- Addressed me "Uncle" & when enquiring for me
of the family-said- Where's "The Old Man". Cheese
well crotch 13th-91 lbs. On the 13th should have been noted

the aged & venerable well crotch erected in the Fall of 1774- when the well was completed-never taken down until that day-It was swamp W.O.

TUESDAY, AP. 18 Cold morning-Gr'd frozen-More or less cldy-Temperature variable but mainly chilly. Merc. 34° mg- 46°- night. Drove horse Henry to the old "Hopy Armstrong Place" (old gent died Jan'y 1806) Bo't of Jo. Nelson 5 Bbls barley for which pd in full \$5- Saw his lady one mom't family well- Wid, Gary sd. she had seed corn to sell. In that neighborhood saw indications of late plowing. Troy road partially very bad- Way from Deac. Dimmick's to Nelson's quite passable. Coming home bo't 3/4 lb. Span. Annatto of Merrill & V.D. Spiegler- paying therefor 87 1/2 Cents Rated at 9/0 lb. P.M. started for E. Village-halting at tin shop to talk of buying brass kettle offered me. Reaching Village-rec'd at H. Norton's large gate latches & trimmings price \$2.40 Called on Hamlen-Doolittle's Mill-would grind as cheap as at any other mill. I named terms agreed on between J. Harwood & self 2d Feb- would do so-but I did not make contract-feeling doubts to what mill would employ. The old lost \$20 affair was bro't up- Wished I did not know what I did know respecting That. See Jan'y 1834. Saw people in Grave Yard at interment of remains of Mrs Crossett. On way from Village one of Isaac Crossett's boys rode with me to Benter Meeting house. On hill visited store of L. Patchin-P.L. Robinson, S.W. Daniels & brother Till prest Read some sensible remarks in Jour. of Commerce on money affairs-necessity of National Bk &c- Procured Omnibus of late date. Col. Merrill drew up Advertisement respecting loan by Trustees of Surplus Revenue money 22d inst. by request of sd. Board. Asked D Love if he wished to purchase veal ? Being told price-said no- These high prices must come down. Came home. Mrs Elijah Fay & Mrs Jason Sibley here on visit. George had uncovered prt of sink pipe-ascertained tow'd the lower end had corroded -holes had admitted earth, sand &c- cut off affected part-putting wood in its stead-carried water as well as ever- Restored everything as it was-remounting rain water tub on same foundation from which had been taken to enable him to get at pipe- partially filling it with water again.

J Nelson
barley

Price Span
Annatto

Brass Kettle
Price latches

Bargain with
Hamlen
the Miller

L Patchin
S W Dan'l

Col Merrill

Mrs Fay &
Mrs Sibley

Sink pipe
repaired

WED. AP. 19. Cold-ground frozen-morning- Frequent snow squalls-high N.W. Wd- Merc. 32°-36°-38°- Holes dug for gate posts-two hinge posts planted- Gates brought out ready to hand. One of these is near smoke house-former gate made by Reub. Kent- I believe in 1821-latter by E. Waters in 1817-commencement of lane, S barn yard-in pretty good condition yet. Father enjoyed himself apparently well repairing wall built 1823 if I mistake not-N.W. side lane beyond board fence same side-say 40 rods from house. Cous. Albert continued his visit much to our satisfaction & perhaps his own. Examined Wraxall in spite of drowsiness in the eveg-occasioned by exposure to weath'r.. "Brock" as she was called-28th.

New gates.

A S Harwood

cow presented fine male calf this day.
THURS. AP. 20

Little different from 19th in
regard to weath'r-not so squally
but not free from flying flakes of snow. Great
storm believed to be in store. Merc. 31°-44°-48°-44°-
Some manure distributed-2 young calves butchered-
Fences repaired &c - Gov. Tichenor & his man Oliver
Ayres called & looked at cows- Liked the big white
calf very well. Mrs Harwood & daughter went to gov.
T's visiting Mrs Wrisley- Geo. Kyman there- Adeline
goes to Hon. H. Hall's. I waited upon aunt Theodosia
to E. Village.

Gov. Tichenor

Mrs Harwood
visits
Mrs Wrisley
Wid. Theodo-
sia.

1837 Bennington April 21, 1837

Called at store of Adams-where
she selected pair shoes suitable
to her feet for which I pd \$1.50-making present of
same to her. Waited upon her to Mr. Hunt's where she
meant to make visit- Next visited Henry Norton's-
ascertained amt acc't a/c since last settle't to
be \$8.91 Wanted money so much-allowed me 30 cs dis-
count on \$5.41-Paying him \$5.11-he credited me on
book-the former sum \$5.41-Remainder to be paid in
veal & potatoes-latter at 2/0 deliv'd- Soon after

I Hawks buys
or bargains
for
Potatoes

seeing capt I. Hawks learned that Mr. Harmon was likely
to have a fuss with his Albany man respecting cheese
bargain-would prefer my chance to his. I asked him
if he knew who wanted to buy potatoes? Said he
wished to himself-but must have them at 25 cs at the
cellar. I tried him higher-but he was immovable-
Saying that he had had them offered him for that &
prices were coming down-everything coming down-So
the bargain was struck that in a week or so he would
come & get 30 bbls potatoes at 25 cs cash. Enjoined
it upon him not to say anything of it to others.

J Norton
Furnace
I Doolittle
gone to
Fort Ann

He promised would not. Saw J. Norton Esq'r-Preferred
"Charles" to "Henry". Rode to Furnace-Looked round
among buildings seeing great deal of useless or dead
property about Ruins of Old Forge-I Doolittle no
longer Agent- gone with family to F. Ann, N.Y. to
Superintend another Furnace. Mr. Taft serving in his
stead here. After spending an hour or more left for
home. At tin shop of Sanf'd & Brown-deliv'd brass
kettle bo't Mar. 1829. of D. Rockwood- 14 1/4 lbs &
another bo't of Strong & Porter-Merch'ts on spot now
occupied by brick store of L. Patchin Esq'r-Jany 1793
11 lbs-tot 25 1/4 lbs passed to my credit at 1/0 pr
lb tow'd new brass kettle weighing 18 lbs at 50 cs-
-\$9 without bail or rim. Those appendages were ab-
stracted from old kettles. Returned to shop of S.
Chandler-left new kettle with direction to attach
bail & rim of Rockwood k. thereta Uncle S. Robinson
happening there-talked long time with him. Poor
taken off his hands this day- Spoke well of the horse
Henry-would probably be the best we ever owned. Came
home direct-not however without seeing Mr. Brooks
scraping outward bark off appletrees at old Bliss
Place with hoe, as directed by Mr. Bryant present own-
er. Wife & daughter get home about dark.

Brass Kettle
the Contract

S Robinson
Town Poor

J Brooks

Hay

First cut of W. hay mow lasted only up this morning-leaving what might be estimated at 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 tons- sufficient to last 10 or 12 days-See Ap.25 & 26 last year-

FRIDAY AP.21

Great deal of Winter- several

severe snow squalls P.M. Thermometer not very minutely observed- Merc.29°-mg-34°-36° &c. Large cheese of 2 curds put in press- Ld. lumber brought from Walbridge's Mill- Six bbls potatoes conveyed to H.Norton & 1.50 in money in lieu of veal-balancing acc't of \$8.91 up to this day.

E D Hubbell

E.D.Hubbell came to examine big white calf-liked him well-If concluded on buying should appear here about 2 P.M. Did so with his man-paying me \$6.50 promising to recollect the other 30 cs another day- Price being \$6.80. Fine fellow mostly white.

Letter to
Presho

Added many lines to J.C.Presho- Death of H Robinson buying horse, putting off old mare & C&C making up chid part-including rec't of letter from J.A.Wight contents of which were very briefly summed up-Evening devoted to playing flute some & reading Wraxall.

Wraxall

SATURDAY APRIL 22d Continued cold-Ground covered

with snow in the morning-Chil-

ling winds from N- Flakes snow occasionally flying.

Merc. 26°-47°-40°- George, who also performed the teaming & running of 21st-Bro't remainder of lumber at 2 lds. Sent letter to Post Office this morning- to be mailed for Natchez, Miss. Fences about farm repaired. House banking partially removed. During P M father being employed by himself in repairing wall E. side Grove, where trees had fallen across it during forepart Winter- Mother becoming anxious respecting his situation, Warren was sent forthwith to examine & report. Returned shortly saying he approached within few rods of him without making him acquainted in the least with his mission. Very fully occupied & amusing himself, as customary-attempting to sing-Nature having denied him musical utterance.

Lumber
All home from
W's.

B Harwood

This morning "Sport" the little yellow dog was run over by horses & considerably hurt-just as they were to descend the hill this side S.H.Brown's- Ran home immediately making great ado. Adeline bound up his right foreleg wet in salt & vinegar. M.Cobb called again. Suffered Adeline to read another letter from his son at the South to Briggs of N.Bennington- Dated, Augusta, Ga, Ap'l 6, 1837. Very good- Pen'd most legibly & in style elegant, easy & familiar. App.trees in full bloom- Ploughing & planting going on. Northerners hated for Abolitionists' sake.. Same cause had done much mischief to slaves.

Dog hurt

Cobb & his
son's fine
letter

Mrs. Harwood spent P.M. principally at N.L.Robinson's- Rode up in waggon with Geo.P- Returned on foot. Aunt Theodosia returned from Mr.Hunt's whose son Jonathan was there direct from N.Y. where property of the most extravagant cost as articles of furniture-lately owned by great Merchants-recently broken-lately put up at vendue- Some so high nobody dared to bid on them. Cous.Albert G. here this eveg

Mrs Har-
wood at N L
Rob's
Wid.Theodo-
sia
J.Hunt Jun
Times in NY
Albert S.
Harwood

J.Hunt
Sen.age

H Clark

Theodosia informed us she, in obedience to request from me, asked Mr.Hunt his age & time of setting up business with his partner Horatio Clark in this town? Was born at or near Northampton, Ms-1771- Came to Bennington Aug.17,1795- Mr.Clark I believe was born in 1772- Died, say Dec.1832 or Jan 1833- (believe should be Aug 15)

Albert S.
Harwood

SUNDAY, APRIL 23. Very backw'd, chilly-but rather inclining to mildness tow'd eveg. Cldy-Storm of snow predicted. Merc.26°-eveg. 39°- night. Father, Geo, Aunt Lydia & Adeline at meeting. Besides assisting at cheese-Wrote transactions of past week. Perused Wraxall in Omnibus- concerning events & personages of 1778-9. Albert G. Harwood views dairy house- formerly occupied as a dwelling by his parents at the time of his birth- July 1814- Hunts up old letters written by his father to us & by his uncle Jonas to the former- requests me to present them to him- but for sound reasons refuse to. Takes final leave & retires to Dr.S.Robinson's- whence Hopk's waits upon his mother in the eveg.

Cash pd.
Thompson
girl

1837 Bennington April 24, 1837
23d BRO'T OVER- Paid Miss A.Thompson this morning tow'd wages \$1- She wanted it to pay school bill- Visited latter pt day by H. Waters' & Mr. Harrington.

S H Brown
Kends waggon
Potter

Amos Church

Montague's
Cider

Rogers'
Girls.
No. cows to
milk.

MONDAY AP.24 Cold-cheerless-great quantities snow in sight especially on neighboring hills & mountains. Dry N. wind. Warmly engaged shovelling manure. For sake of Forw'd business borrow waggon at S.H.Brown's- Receive call from sd. gent & Mr.Potter his tenant with whom some discourse was held respecting fences- Not going to occupy pasture adjoining Gen Rob's woods- So need not expect trouble from that quarter See Ap.4- Amos Church of whom bo't spoons Mar.9 came to get money-put him off to first Saturday in May when payment must be positive. to be left at Gen.Bailey's- taking B's rec't in case himself were not present.. Evening 2 masks were filled with cider-for E Montague pr James Jipson the stammerer- Containing respectively as gaged carefully, 35 & 37 Gs.- Charged in a/c- 2 Bbls 7 Gs-at \$1.50 Sending strict word to have reserved 2 or 3 more Bbls for him on future day. I responded that would do it, but must have ready pay.. See March 14 when money was rec'd in advance.. Daughters of Jon.Rogers made short call early eveg Looked at cows-suppl-went home. Sold Mrs Bryant 2 1/2 lbs butter-rec'd payment 50 cs- Calf No. 28 butchered-progeny of Brock cow- Now 28 milkers-

Theodosia
Harwood

TUES. AP. 25. Steady puff dry cold N. wind-hazy-gr't storm expected- Merc. 36°-50°- or 52°- 47°-42°- Same business. Hard service. Great quantities snow & ice found under heaps manure. Hopk's waits upon aunt T.Harwood down from H.Waters'- mornng & after collecting things

Alb't G. Har-
Wood-

Hay

List 1837

Manure

H Waters
Theodosia
Harwood

Plin Edger-
ton

Price hay
West.

L Patchin
new goods

Bank

Alv. Rice
Newt & Hale

N L Robinson

together, including garden roots &c &c-past 12 con-
ducts her back again preparatory to taking stage.
But on ascertaining stage was very full-postponed
departure until next day. Cousin Albert left for
Troy on Monday- trusting luck for ride- Saff. Robin-
son paid him very fairly & honorably for services
rendered present Spring. See Oct 11 to 17.

Evening try music moderately.-More of Wraxall.

Up'd 3 tons hay on hand-far outstripping quantity
last year at same date.

Mt. Manchester with his friend Simmons called-en-
quiring for potatoes for sale? Could neither sup-
ply them nor give information where could be found.
Former had recently removed his family to Hoosick-
but now on point of returning to E. Village-Benning-
Factories of latter place-stopp'd. Cows to be given
in List were thus classed- 8-from 4 to 8 yrs old-
14 from 8 to 12- Do 9 from 12 to 17 Do.

WED. AP. 26.

No essential variation of tem-
perature-except that our constant

puff from N.W. changed to S.W. later in the day.
Gr'd frozen mg- Merc. 34°-54°- 48°- In sun got up to
66°- Finis hed manuring Clark's orch'd- supplied
garden where ladies & Hopkins were employ'd.

It was my lot to go up street-P.M. S. Chandler had
been so ill as not have bailed brass kettle.. H.
Waters' children sick with measles.. Aunt Theodosia
gone W. waited upon very handsomely previous to
taking stage by uncle Samuel R. My father upon
authority of her mother-whom he saw in Sept 1820-
states the age of our respected aunt at 57- She told
me, if I mistake not, J. Hunt Sen was but 9 years
older than herself. See April 22.

In Weeks' garden found Plin. Edgerton making beds-
assisted by boy whose name did not learn, but who
said he recently resided in Bainbridge N.Y. where
at present hay was so plentiful as to be worth only
from 3 to \$4 at the barn-whereas in 1836-bro't from
20 to \$30- Asked him if he knew Nathaniel Stone?
Did not. Knew Henry Stone. Stated my reason for
inquiring- being the loan for \$5 in July 1829-
never returned. Seeing one of the Messrs Weeks'
said something of taking N.Y. Spect 2d hand- Tho't
would not do. Next met L. Patchin Esq'r-quite re-
cently from N.Y. City- all accomodation. Might
have Spect. on same terms as at F. Blackmer's-Year
to commence first of May- Store going to be well
supplied with every variety of goods-at low prices.
Sugar-first quality-at 9 cs- Molasses-at 50- &c'&c-
Stepp'd in Bank one moment-put off \$1 Adams for Benn.

same am't. Would take all I would bring them of
the former. At Print'g Office heard Alv. Rice tell-
ing of some late transactions with Hale & Newton
whose paper he held to am't of say \$170 which they
secured to him (for) rather ungraciously. Not a
little amused to hear him speak of a neighbor of
his who had been instrumental in promoting or in-
citing suspicion against these men- who on putting
the question to him- he denied the whole in toto-
Made settle't in full with N.L. Robinson for 1 lb tea

N Y Spect
of Patchin
Capt. Hyde

Gov, Tiche-
nor

J Hyde

Debt due
Gov.. from
Hinsdill

S Loomis
Esqr

Minerva
sick

bo't 4th inst-leaving due me on butter deliv'd on
the 15th \$3.29 which he pd in hand- agreeing for
another parcel of butter at 20 cs-payable in fort-
night. Rec'd Spect, of 24th at Patchin's. but not
to interfere with arrangements for first of May.
Capt Hyde was repeating story he had from Gov.
Tichenor concerning his first acquaintance with
the late Eleazer Edgerton & Jacob Hyde (the former
married the daughter of the latter) who were in
Albany with the Green Mountain Boys- terrible name
at that time- Rec'd & repell'd an attack made by
Butchers of that place-for which they gain'd also
much favor with their foes that hostilities ceased
at once, after first severely testing their amazing
pugilistic powers- remaining 2 days on free cost.
Between himself & those 2 individuals the best feel-
ing & friendship were maintained to end of their
days.. To the former saved his farm from Mortgage in
Georgia, Vt- But now see what reward he gets from
their posterity-in being twisted out of \$1400 by
Deac. S. Hinsdill- son-in-law of E Edgerton.
Capt. H. was telling this to Gen. Henry Robinson in
manner far far beyond these inefficient lines of mine
Saw Saff'd Robinson too- Rode home with Sam'l Loomis
Esq'r just from Troy with 1d goods for Patchin.
Travelling greatly improved since dry weather.
Sous. Minerva sick- Left word for Dr. N. Swift to vis-
it her this evening.

THURSDAY, Ap. 27. Morn'g. cold & frozen- but be-
came one of the finest days of
pres't season. Hazy- Dry N. wind- Merc. 29°-64°-48°-

1837 Bennington April 27, 1837.

Buying hay

I Hawks
potatoes

Hay

Father call'd on & engaged quan-
tity hay of Safford Robinson.
Spent A.M. sowing plaster from waggon- or rather
that was the business of Geo. & Warren- getting
assistance from me after putting cheese in press.
Wind rising-voluntarily quitted the business & came
home where found Capt. Hawks' ready to receive po-
tatoes as stipulated on 20th- Accomodated him forth-
with- Dines & pays me in full \$7.50 for 30 bbls-
well pleased with the article-engaging all we might
be able to spare after getting them out of cellar
at 30 cents. He computed quantity at about 70 bbls
of which we should want 56. Should it be thus-
would send line to that effect to be left at N.L.
Rob's. His father's farm formerly consisting of 220
acres- reduced now to 120. Tow'd evening Geo. &
Hopks returned from Saff'd R's with but 1360 lbs
hay instead of ton which at first he presumed he
could spare.. Weight not ascertained at barn- So
Geo. left in his hands \$8- subject to drawback if
weight should not hold out by F. Blackmer's Scales.
Father & self got out of cellar more than 40 bbls
potatoes-sufficient to prove there were none for
capt. H

FRIDAY, AP. 28

Most Spring known present sea-
son. Merc. 32°-69°-40°-eveg-late.

Fobes Z. Fobes hangs two large gates-first by smoke house-2d by corner old barn-yard at entrance of lane- Puts on latches-invents buttons to fasten them down-to prevent gates being opened by cattle. Hindered by making 2 mistakes-all came out well at last. Latches in case of sag of gates to be raised by small screw attached to lower part of staple wherein latch is confined. Length of latch not much less than 4 feet- held by bolt at small end made fast by nut- Worked so fair Mr. F. expressed high admiration for them-never saw any better. Day concluded by taking down one eaves trough & raising another W. side house. Geo. & Hopkins drove to Jo Nelson's to obtain hay-of which procured 1310 lbs-bright, but course, dry, thistly- quality not superior- Pay to be left at store of late F. Blackmer's- at \$8 pr ton. Father attended Friday Mg. 26th at night Henry Harwood Esqr came here & agreed for four bbls cider to be pd in spruce boards at \$10 pr M. Deliv'd 1 bbl the same this eveg to his son Henry.

Hay of Jo Nelson

Henry Harwood

House Cleaning

N L Rob

Ladies deeply engaged cleaning house, dismantling bedsteads-administrating composition for destruction of bedbugs. Martin Albro rec'd for Mrs L D Patchin 8 lbs butter at 20 cs on Cr. N L Robinson rec'd pot same material this morning-Wd pot & all 42 lbs

SATURDAY, APRIL 29. Spring continued-Roads growing better-drying up-Stiff S. wind- Prospect fair for rain which was much wanted-Merc. 39°-74°-70°-54°-- 1 1/4 S meadow, potatoe gr'd 1836 sown by G.P. with about 3 1/2 bbls barley & 12 quarts grass seed- Plow'd & harrow'd by Hopk's- & Warren- Team good- Rolled by G. Borrowed roller of S.H. Brown Whey troughs or conductors newly & permanently set by G & me- carry well- Father works in garden-also repairs fence on N. line against old Mosely farm where sheep had broken over. Ladies continue house-cleaning-filling straw beds-setting up some bedsteads having but one partially completed in the evening.. Lost extra spectacles this day. Should estimate quantity of hay of our own raising now remaining-at 2 1/2 tons this morning.. Had bo't 2670 lbs. See Ap 25, 1836. Two days cheeses weigh'd along now 112 lbs

Barley sown

Whey spouts

Hay

G P Harwood on wages

Geo. P said a few words in regard to wages-proposed as medium price \$14 monthly wages during 8 months- The question of wages & prices of produce were discuss'd more amply than I can pretend to do here-came to mutual agreement that his compensation should be fix'd at the conclusion of 8 months-voth parties to do what was right.

Norman Judd

Rec'd welcome call from our old friend Norman Judd. Had business at Troy, but on arrival there- cargo of Jersey clay not up-afforded opportunity to visit or just look at relatives at Bennington & assist his daughter to return home.. Family well. Shew'd him all the dairying concern, cows inclusive. Supp'd with us-made some queer observations on comparing his run of business at Rome with that of Judge L. Norton in B.E.V. Conversation wandering & rapid-some old affairs of former days being bro't up

S W Daniels

Lady of
Julius
Norton

Left at about sunset-See Aug 1⁴, 1836. S.W.Daniels sold to Elisha Pool horses, waggon & harness for \$200- Former were reared on this farm. See Mar 28 & Ap'l 6. Lady of Julius Norton considered to be dangerously ill.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 30.

Red morning- Very timely rain P M. Good for grasses. Forgot to minute state of thermometer-believe it went from 40 to 50° Perused few lines of Empress Josephine which liked well. Examined Wraxall who was entertaining. Sent in List of Harwood, Benj & Son. Cows given in under 3 classes. 8-over 4 & (under-12) from that to 8 yrs old- 14 hd from 8 to 12- 9 hd from 12 to 17. 1 Poll- Reported debts to exceed income on first April-by about 53 dollars.

Cold & snow

Milling

Cash to
Nelson

B R Sears

Cash N L Rob
to G P Har-
wood
Marriage of
Napoleon to
Josephine..

MONDAY MAY 1

Furious snowsquall soon aft. sunrise. Freezing cold in shade. all day. High N W. Wd. Thermometer-29°-to 32°-30°-29°- at night. eo. drives 2 h wagg to E. Village- has 6 bhls rye ground-1 of which is bolted-2 bhls do wheat-1/2 do corn-at Doolittle's mill- pays Ham- len Miller, 51 cs in full. Buys 1/2 bhls unslaked lime of S.L. Godfrey Jun & pays 25 cs. Gets horses shod at shop of Henry Norton. Leaves \$5.30 cs pay- ment in full for hay bo't of Joseph Nelson- 6 cs additional to go for weighing-at store of late F. Blackmer. The hay only came to \$5.24 Returns by about noon. commences plowing old N. Orch'd P.M. for oats. Produced corn 1836. Benjamin R. Sears here- evening-expecting money- a part of which not ar- riving pf N.L. R- goes home -without it. But late evening N.L. Robinson actually appears took up note held by Geo. P. dated Ap. 12 1836-paying \$40.00 prin- cipal & \$1.32 1/2 interest.. Practiced music- Saw in Life of Princess Empress Josephine her marriage to Napoleon took place I think Mar 9 (18) 1796.

TUESDAY. MAY 2.

Never much colder in May than it was this morning-but wind blowing fresh in the S- softened down to Spring pitch before night. Much ice. Merc. 24°-54°-43°- Ground so frozen did n't start the plow until a late hour of the morning. Meantime- G.P. assisted

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The ladies in cording besteads an employment held in utter contempt by my hon'd father at this season and in weather so fine & at such time o'day- Very dif- ferent, he said, from the way in which he was bro't up. I tried to pacify him by saying-never mind it will all come out right yet. Door of cow stall repaired- Quantity of manure carried into garden. Plowing executed by G.P.- Old gate suspended on old hinges attached to old post- the former made by R. Kent say in 1821- the latter by the same-1820- near W. end woodshed- Gatee formerly there, now up by big hole- entrance of cowpasture. Present one had place of one of new red gates by smoke house-

entrance milking yard. Fence nailed up by W.J. red gates spoken of Apr 26. Post put down for the other to swing against when opened & other chores found necessary by B. Harwood & Son. More of Wrax'l - evg Vienna 1799

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3 Cld'y - had rained from S. over night - expected rain again but wind changing to NW - clds blew off - Merc 42° - 56° 50°

Barley sown

Gate to Litt Meadow

Times in NY. Bryant Raymond

Swallow birds

Potato patch of last season in N. meadow plowed, sown with barley & duly harrowed & rolled. Plowing C's orchard commenced. Old gates made by E. Waters Apl 23 ~~1817~~ 1617 - if I be correct - now supplanted by red gate No. 3. - removed & set up at first bar way - Little meadow. Hard digging (sinking) holes for posts. Tinker cheese press, Father impatient therewith - Talk politicks at night - Great troubles in N.Y. Mostly to be imputed to Executive misrule since war on the currency, 1833 We took up Braddock's defeat 1755. Chas Raymond sent by parents - paid \$1 for 5 lbs butter - now rec'd. Mr Bryant pr girl rec'd 21 1/2 lbs do for which paid 50 cs. Swallow birds were said to have been seen, Apl 29 - also this day.

THURSDAY, MAY 4 Commenced cool - came off warm & pleas't. Wind N. forenoon - S. ev'g

Manure spr'd

Garden planted

Cash to Sears fr G.P. Har'd

N L Robinson

Cash pd Church See Mar 9

Bo't blue paper Rode pt Letter abt cheese

Prospect of rain. Merc 38° - Above 50° - Late Eve'g 44 Plowing & spreading manure in C's orchard the chief movement - Finished before nt. Wound up cross plowing N. orchard. Garden seeds sown & planted - Up Street. Exchange \$1 Ulster Co. Kingston, Safety Fund, N.Y. for same Bennington. Not quite in order. Halted at store of late F. Blackmer - returned N.Y. Spect. Jan 1 to Apl 20 or so. Call at P.O. - nothing there for me. Leave with wife of Benj. R. Sears \$75 sent by G.P. Harwood. In exchange receive note for the same due first Oct. next with int - signed B.R. Sears, secured by J.C. Haswell. Make settlement with N.L. Robinson. Last butter 23 lbs 11 oz \$4.74 - deduct 30 cs for 3 lbs bar soap - remains \$4.44 - pays fraction of 44 - balance to be paid week from Saturday next. Talked of N.Y. concern where owed about \$200 which in the roundabout could be fathered on me who stood secured by mortgage on farm of S. Robinson in sum of \$400. Intimated my dislike of so backing up tho' ever so amply secured to which he in substance replied should between now & July or Aug next pay whole up. At Printing office obtained 2 Nov Omnibus. At Bailey's deposited \$17 payable to Amos Church for silver ware - bo't Mar 9 - Took rec't for the same Saw Parkers Trav's Illinois - thence to Texas - Liked it from few words examined - Performed in 1835 - Bo't of M & V D Speig'l 1 1/2 quire blue fools cap for 1/6 pd. H. Waters & Sam H Brown present - way home with S. Loomis Esq. Evening wrote line to O & A Arnold, Troy, making inquiry respecting fste of our cheese recently sent to N.Y. Forwarded pr Billy Hitchcock. In the above mentioned immediate want of money & Note to Bank falling due 4th June next.

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FRIDAY, MAY 5 Warmest, most growing & best day known by all odds pres't season. Last night there was rain - much thunder - Showered in morning - twice P.M good deal of thund'r. Merc 46° - 74° in shade - 58° night. Never better day to buy hay. Main business getting home hay. Appl'd to Dr H. Swift at first who was in lot S. of Seminary Village. Gave leave to get ton - but on viewing premises we tho't bes to accept of invitation of Lawyer Squiers to see his - Did so. & were convinced that tho' his price exceeded that of the Dr by \$1. it was the best bargain - Proceeded forthwith & conveyed home 2 loads, both which came up to 1 ton, 1380 lbs which at \$9 per t am'td to \$15.21 according to weight made by scales of late F. Blackmer. Left am't due in money with M.K. Scott paying my half weighing fees - 12-1/2 cs besides Also pd to sd Scott 4/o for use of N.Y. Spect up to first May, from first Jan'y - though there were a few No's 1 did not get at the conclusion of term - But I would make no ado abt trifles. At store saw A. Robinson Esq'r, Capt P. Dewey afterward, Abishai Kinsley Esq'r & perhaps others Made call at H. Waters' - viewed cellar - Cistern held water, but not entirely tight - pump not in prime order, but worked tolerably well - Children sick, but convalescent. Former part of the day gave notice to H.W. in case no money came for cheese should want \$50 to pay note to Bank - Said would endeavor to procure it for me. Evening began reading speech of Mr Dan'l Webster pronounced before vast assemblage of whigs - Niblo's Saloon, N.Y. City when on his way home from St Gov't. First rate - Right. Fences rep'd by father. Not a whole day since 20th Mch right for sowing plaster

SATURDAY, MAY 6 Extremely rainy - some thunder very early morning - supposed to be very growing time - tho' very late - Snows in the dark recesses of G. Mountains from fulness of streams began to give way to the mildness of the season & the recent copious showers. Merc 56° - Wd changed N. reduced it from much higher to about 43°. Whitewashing performed by neighbor Brooks who executed the business faithfully and to our satisfaction, for which paid him his price \$1.25 Did not call it full day, in that case he would have demanded 9/o. He was very sociable on old times when Capt Squires, Capt Robinson, Maj Bowers, Horace B., his son, Waite Church &c &c were on the carpet. Maj B. he said died at Middle Haddam Ct only last Fall. His son, mentioned & son's wife died at Union Village I think of consumption, 1816. Mr Brooks bro't us 8 runnets \$2. tow'ds which pd 5 lbs 10 oz butter at 20 cs \$1.13 - Remainder to run awhile. Father cleared cellar - placed potatoes for cooking on shelves in apple room. Bass boards all finished sticking up - scantling for sled shoes properly disposed of. George mends window by putting in new lights where old had failed. Wagg. rack weighed, found to be 269 lbs without bott. bds - 323 with - Wagg. rack & all 1100 lbs exactly.

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W S Southwick Say 9 Rec'd short visit from W S Southwick Esq - Spirits apparently up - conversing with wonted ease & affability. Had been to

Warm weather

Buying hay

Cash pd
T. Squiers

Final pay't
for Spect'r

H. Waters

Dan'l Webster

Snow on
mountains

Brooks
whitewashing

Lumber

Hay rack wghd
Weight wagon
rack &c

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J. Rogers

Wagers', Pownal on business - On the 5th J Rogers came to us at T. Squires' barn - Should enter employment of D.D. Conkling as Foreman - Shoe store. Old T. Hills' stand. Gave slight encouragement that he would work for us next haying - Going to get deed of his Village Lot recorded in T. Clerk's office - C. Gilson almost on point of failing.

G K Sanford

Same day forgot entering G.K. Sanford's presence at old Frank store - Conversing with A. Robinson Esq about old

Hinman Family

Mrs Hinman, capt D. Hinman, Sam'l Brown, who severally died 1815, 1807 & 1819. Of the last Mr S. had just finished taken his age from tombstone in Public burying ground. - in compliance with request of his sister Mrs Kanpp, City N.Y. (Sister of Mr B.) who had forgotten her exact age - 2 years older than him, who, on authority above, was born June 10 1765 - consequently if alive would be 72 - his sister 74.

Dan. Webster

SATURDAY EVE'G Finished reading speech of Daniel Webster to Whigs of N.Y. Perused Wragh's Cousin

Amanda Rob'n

Amanda Robinson continued visit to Adeline M. Azubah

Miss Thompson

at conclusion of fatiguing days work went to her brothers, Jo House place

SUNDAY, MAY 7 Held cold 2 or 3 hours - morn'g - some cloudy - In main - Fair - 34°, 50°, 42°.

Austrian Family

Father, Aunt L., Geo P. & Ad. M & cous A. Rob. ride to church in 2 horse wagg. Executed many chores - wrote as usual - Perused Wragh - highly agreeable on Austrian R. Family - Miss Zubah gets home tow'd evening.

Bob O'lincolns

MONDAY, MAY 8 Cold, frozen mng - Pleas't strong N. wind. Merc. 26° - 52° - 44°. Bob O'Lincolns

Sowing plaster

first observed this morning - Good omen for prent season - sow plaster. All S.W. section of pasture - old ox pasture inclusive gone over. Father works in garden. Grass little advanced - thick at bottom.

Plowing with single horses

TUESDAY, MAY 9 Cold, chilly - rainy 2/3ds the day - from howling S.E. Merc. 32°, 58°, 48° - Some

Cash ret'd by

plowing performed by horses single on separate plows - manured severally by Geo & Warren. Former accomp'd by

S. Robin'n

latter visited Center Village, returning with \$2.46 re, funded by Saff'd Robinson on hay bo't Apr 27 & N.Y. Spect.

Letter to

of May 1. Wrote first page of letter to J.A. Wright in reply to his of Mar 10 rec'd Apr 11. Eve'g we conversed

Wright

respecting Exhibition at Court House May 5 or 6 1816.

Exhibition

Reading dull record of the same in Journal of that date.

Court House

Also letter of H.A. Fay, dated Albany, April 1820 addressed to me.

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Plaster

WED. MAY 10 Rainy - morning & eve'g. Storm ended more mildly than any pres. spring. Merc. 42° to

Wight

44° - 58° - say 54° at night. Continued sowing plaster assisted by Hopkins. Cow pasture, orch'd, old horse past. night do above S. mead. all done except unfit parts. Add

Raymond

more to letter now preparing for J.A. Wight. Comp'y entertained - Mrs Minerva Rob. Mrs Kent and daughter Eliza

Young Raymond rec'd complem't of 6 lbs butter - pd \$1.20

N.L. Rob. waits upon his lady home. Bed room papered - material bo't of Merrill & VDS - 4 pieces - pd \$1.33

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Leaves of
elder

Father continued busy in garden - Spring fairly opened at this late day. The elder puts out its leaf. Pasture growing green - Grass very short.

Music

Failure of
Cal Brown

Hay of Vail

Weight of hay

Oats sown

Dairy

Silas Wright
letter

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THURS. . MAY 11 - Fair, No mistake as to Spring. Merc 46° 66°, 64°. Music of Frogs at night. Chimney swallows plenty. Great deal of bird music. Go for hay again. Call at P. Office by the way. Mr Kellogg tells us of recent failure of Caleb Brown of cheese buying memory - no particulars - Lose nothing by him - No returns from N. York - Can't expect good news from cheese - Times such would'nt be strange if the whole were entirely lost to me. Obtain of John Vail Sen 1380 lbs hay at 45 cs on Cr. Weighed by M.K. Scott on scale set up by late F. Blackmer Esq'r - Mr V. witnessed weighing - guessing it at 1500 - Aaron Rob. Esq'r, Capts P. Dewey & Hyde & others all like him laying it too high, but not agreeing by several pounds. Before driving our team to the little red barn - J.T. Rob. place - Cashier Hinsdill rec'd an ox cart, what Mr V. & the men with cart estimated at half ton. We believed it not more than 8 hund. The parties had agreed not to weigh & leave it to guess. Suppose old gent must, or ought to come down somewhat. At P.O. rec'd N. Orleans paper from J.C. Presto, Natchez - Request in pencil mark, letter. Soon mine of 22 ult must reach him. Oats sown by G.P. - harrowed in by Warren. Milk suffered to remain in stoop over night. Done few times only since Mar 21. Perused Silas Wright's Junr letter to Jackson V.B. Men of Burlington, Vt. refusing invitation to public dinner - Forep't flat - Good on Abolition. Peruse Waxall - Fine. Failures & stoppage of business in all parts of the country - tremendously appalling According to Whig logic - all or great share of existing troubles to be ascribed to Jackson V.B. policy

FRIDAY, MAY 12 Strong S. wind) hazy - storm expected.
Mercury say 44° - 72° - 62° - Grass seed sown on oat ground - N. orch'd - handsomely rolled - Warren Sibley guides team independently riding on seat very commodiously erected behind roller. Ground, C's or chard furrowed ready to plant) Length board fence put up where taken down 29th Nov to which turn. Father yet in garden. Aunt John Harwood from E. pt town spent short time here - was over with her sister Dairs whom she left at neighbor Potter's with Mrs P. daughter of Mrs D. Explained the occasion of great guns which were heard late Thursday evening being fired by way of derision in commemoration of two weddings held that day, one of which was between John, son of the late Geo Robinson of this place & a young lady of Hinsdillville, operative in one of the factories there. Reported other news. Nearly completed letter to frd J.A. Wight. Giving acc't of principal business transactions since his departure in Aug last, including marriages, deaths & all other occurrences recollected, supposed interesting to him. Geo read it in the eve'g to my father, who seemed well pleased thereat. Miss Az Thompson left this morning with intent to go to her father's, Pow'l, to return when hand got well - having been scalded by steam. Attentively & with pleasure continued perusal of Waxall - on Austrial Roy. Family

Mrs John
Harwood

Geo Robinson
married

Letter to
J.A. Wight

Az Thompson

Waxall

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SATURDAY, MAY 13 Slightly rainy - very little too -
strong S. wind - cldy - Merc. 53°

67° - 57°. Not positive as to thermometer. Sent letter
to Post Office where it was mailed forthwith & soon on
its way, never stuffed so completely before. Clark's
orchard planted with early corn, rolled in tar & plaster
Plowed ground in N. meadow intended for potatoes - har-
rowed over

Letter to
Wight

Corn planted

Cows turned
to pasture

Wm Bates

Geo Root

Newton & Hale

Bennington, MAY 13, 1837 Cows at length turned to pas-
ture, after very long confine-
ment in yards & stables - Were in pretty fair condition
28 milkers - 3 dry - the latter not suffered to run
with the others, but limited to the old sheep pasture
into which entered Thursday eve'g. Wm Bates made call
in C's orchard in rich fur cap, fine coat &c. Conversed
in respect to laying cellar wall in case we should sink
cellar under barn floor. Would be here again soon when
we should come to some certain conclusion on that sub-
ject. Late P.M. Geo Root & lady rode up - made short
tarry. The former reported failure of Newton & Hale -
machinists - 1 mile N. Court House on old Furnace brook,
Cashier Raymond having furnished the firm with money for
for which it is supposed he was not properly secured or
for some such cause - shop having been locked up by own-
ers - forced the windows & attached property.

SUNDAY, MAY 14 Warmest known this spring - fine pleas't
Leaves coming out. Mercury not observed,
morning - stood great part the day from 70° to 76° per-
haps reached 80°. Father, Geo P., aunt Lydia & Adeline M
at church - no preaching - E.S. Southworth reads. Rec'd
visit tow'd eve'g from H. Waters & young journeyman, Wil-
lard Hotchkiss - Held that conversation on pecuniary con-
cerns - Prospect dim. My reading in Wrazall was of the
most entertaining kind - Characters, anecdotes & close
remarks on Joseph second Emp. of Germany (fine good man
in the main) Prince Kaunitz - First Minister to M. Ther-
esa & others of the Imperial Family of Austria. Bring-
ing that work to a close in the Omnibus. Besides the
above perused many articles in papers touching great
failures all over our country & opinion of various writ-
ers as to causes of the same.

Wrazall

MONDAY, MAY 15 Black, cldy, chilly, gloomy - Wd SE roaring
Some slight showers rain. Merc. 54°, 64°

Letters to
Rob. & Hooker

52°. Sent letters to Post Office written on same sheet
addressed severally to cousin Henry Robinson, Troy, N.Y.
requesting payment of money to G.P. Harwood - and to J.K
Hooker, manager of Tow Boats Office, enquiring if cheese
were delivered as directed 14th ult. - whether the firm
to whom deliv'd were in good standing - making known
also that no returns had been rec'd. If all were right,
required no reply - if otherwise - wanted to be made ac-
quainted with it forthwith. Paid 6" postage on the abov
Boys in wagg. conveyed boards to repair fence on line be-
tween Judge L. Norton's Riley Place & the big cow pas-
ture. Returned with brush to throw over ground occupied
with peas. Remainder of the day improved in getting out
manure. Some of superior quality distributed on meadow
land but mainly on plow land calculated for rearing po-

Manure

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Empress of
Germany, 3d V
Gordon

tatoes N. & N.W. N. orchard. Father plants potatoes round corn gr'd C's orchard. Repairs fence by side lane. Complaints of sow & pigs belonging to S.H.B. running at large. In my little library could find no author who could give me the date of the demise of that celebrated female sovereign - Empress Queen - Maria Theresa of Austria. (Died Sept 29 1780)

Flour

Goods pr
L. Patchin

Robinson letter to Henry Robinson

J.C. Presho

The times

Committee of Merchants

TUESDAY, MAY 16 Heavy chilly rains from E. prevailed most of the day. Merc. 46° to 50 Perused papers in which much was published on pressure. Looked in books. Last of 4 bbls flour purchased Nov 7 1836 - broached. Geo P. makes hoe helvies. Hopk's attends school. With G. & boys visit store of L. Patchin. Purchase 1 lb tea called good - 4/6 & 13 yds Cott. unbleached at 9c - Bill \$2.38 booked. Gordon Squires, Clerk. Write letter to cousin Henry Robinson to forward pr J. Hawks - Giving notice of that written by mail. Cous. Edwin Robinson had given me line from Henry, but related exclusively to chance to sell apple-tree planks, \$5 per hund. Mine by mail had not reached him. Rec'd Natchez paper from J.C. Presho - endorsed - "all right" - For by advertisements saw that he was engaged with, in the commission business, a Mr Dolbeare, under firm of Dolbeare & Presho. Mississippi Legislature had assembled. Gov's Message published - very good - Most extraordinary time ever seen in our country - Failures & stoppages or suspensions, occurring daily. Numerous instances of manufactures standing still, operatives consequently thrown out of employment. By Spect. May 11 News came - Banks had entered into resolutions to suspend specie payments &c. This scheme was adopted almost simultaneously all over the country. N.Y. committee of Merchants visited Mr V. Buren 3d & 4th inst. Found him firm to the old man's plans - True to the Hero - True to the Party.

Snow bank
Elbow

To Shafts'y

WED. MAY 17 Rainy Morn'g - little evening - In the Interior. Soft, mild, partially cldy-hazy strong wd S. or S.E. Storm cleared up warm. Snow bank plainly seen near Elbow on Old Windham Turnpike - Pretty well for 17th May - Merc 60° at night. Started with calf-skins for Dyers' west pt Shaftsbury - Drove "Henry" - Hopk's coachman - took over Henderson hill - crossed river by Squire Henry's - kept road by Hiram Henry's up hill N. Matthews House, which of late had been repaired - new roof, whole building handsomely painted outside. Turned off first right hand road through woods of young growth - came out to pleasant farm house - tho' rather falling to decay &, if one of the same class might say it, inclining to antisnugness. This situation is owned by Chas Dyer Esqr - now 85 years of age - smart and able to attend to business - Saw an old gent, took to be him in one horse waggon, having been to the grist mill with grain. Our business was with his grandson - short distance N.E. where soon arrived. Saw his father, Capt Ben Dyer with whom had some acquaintance in 1819 or 1820 at Chatf'd Parsons'. Exchanged some words respecting the latter. The Capt was in Syracuse & Salina last fall - but saw nothing of P. D. once commanded Light Infantry Vol Co Shafts - With his son - owner of tannery left 23 deac skins for which he offered only 37-1/2cs

Ben Dyer

Esqr Waiste

B W Jackson's

Dea S.Hinsdill

Widow Armstrong

Lyman Armstrong

N L Robinson

Unruly flock

Plaster, where
sown

Mrs Wrisley

a piece but must have for tanning and dressing 50. Sold him 2 veal sk's at 10 cs. for \$2.22 He would make enquiry at Troy when should soon go, respecting hides, skins, letather etc. & according to prices there would leave an offer for ours at shop of John Hicks Esq which I might accept or reject on future day - Left & came road to Hiram Henry's - noting some fine green pastures - trees leaving out &c. Took road to North Bennington - wanted to transact business at office of Asa Doty who was gone to N. York - & his clerk Esq'r Waiste absent - pffice door locked Drove down to Eastee's fine stone factory - talked awhile with H. Waters on money concerns. Proceeded to Ben W. Jacksons' this side Hinsdillville. Gathered up leather, shoes & boots which I rec'd - Said I was indebted to him in the sum of \$1. which told him I would pay before long. Mr J. complained

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much of unfairness of Dea Hinsdill respecting affairs between them. Soon to be settled by arbitration. James Henry, Umpire. Took road by Harmon's - Saw Pool & McDaniels. The former stated price of His cheese in Albany to be 12 cs which he obtained with out pulling. Crossed over to Deac. Fimicks - then to Widow Katy Armstrong's - Wid & family at dinner to which was invited to sit down - but declined. After dinner went with Lyman to see minister - liked him well & bargained for his services at \$3 the season - to commence 28th inst. Came to Street by old Scott Place. J.C. Haswell & hands busy in erecting door-y'd fence. Gave leave to get 2 Omnibus' at at effiee Printing office - Spoke Solomon - Rec'd paym't in full for butter of N.L. Robinson, \$3.87-1/2 cs. Hohn C. was said to be fixing up his place, formerly Williams', for reception of intended bride ere long - Arrived home in decent season. George had driven out sheep of neighbors Brown & Potter. Punished dog for misconduct during chase of those animals. Repaired fence next Brown's & also that against Judge Norton's Riley Place Red Houses. Set posts for 3 new cow-pens. Father went to E. Bennington - conversed with K. Rogers - Got shoes mended at John Harwood's. Came home & worked at fence down lane.

THURSDAY, MAY 18

Mild S. wind, cldy. Rains some morning & eve'g. Merc. 48 m'g

56 eve'g. Sowing plaster about closed. Parts sown. Cow-pasture all W. & N.W. elm tree this side Norton line, with exception of that section which lies N. the old row of black birches. Both night pastures, leaving out certain parts, Litt. Meadow as usual. N. & S. meadows so far as was judged useful & the Rocks Pasture - formerly "Sheep pasture" more recently Ox Past & latterly occupied by horses & occasionally night P. for cows. Ladies visited by Mrs Wrisley - smart & in good health - assists in milking cows - evening & afternoon, rides home with Geo & Adeline who have business up street. On their re-

Letter by Gay to merchants respecting cheese.

Return of Az Thompson

Book of Trades.

No shoemaker

Milling

Cheese Returns

Sent off 1824 lbs
1206
18 lbs minus

port that Hamilton Gay is going to N.York - can send line by him respecting cheese, Dr N. Swift accomp'g to Troy with his own team - affording another opportunity to write cousin Henry Robinson. Immediately drew up letter to A.L.L. authorizing payment to me G. if the article had been sold - if not to let me know the situation of it &c. Expressed fears that it was lost by trusting out or in some other way through the unusual & agitated state of the commercial world. Would probably laugh at my weakness as the thing came out at last. Wrote another address to cous. Sam Robinson Jr merely to get the letter of the 15" into hands of cous. Henry. Late to bed - full of surmises as to what had become of cheese. Miss Thompson at night arrives from Pownal, visiting parents - hand well. Hopkins brings home new book - full of cuts - what I would call. Book of trades and professions.

Friday, May 19 Rainy by showers - Earth saturated with water. Merc. say 48°-56°-60° Of course business not over important. Milling & repairing fences. Former attended to by Geo & Warren who vainly look for shoemaker who would work on stock furnished by customer. Paid the miller 30 cs for gringing 5 bhls rye for cows - visited Post Office - found letter from Leggett & Lapham dated N.York May 16 enclosing ck on Merchants Bk of that City for \$174.64 in paym't for cheese. Really was ever more rejoiced at escape from pecuniary distress. At the same time it was a slight going down in price, tho' nothing very serious. Allowing Mr Harmon's contract to have been beyond cavil, would have bro't more money by about \$25. Below is copy of their statement. See Apr. 12

Sales of Cheese for the a/c of Hiram Harwood							
1837	4 Mo.	19	1	403	33	375	@ 10-1/2c \$39.37
			1	410	32	378	10-1/2 39.69
		21	1	363	33	330	10 33.00
		24	1	401	34	367	10 36.70
		22	1	388	32	356	9-1/2 33.82
						1806	\$182.58

Charges - Paid transportation ----	1.46
Cartage -----	.50
Storage --10¢-----	.50
Commission, 3 pr ct-	5.48
	<u>7.94</u>
	\$174.64

Errors excepted - New York, 5 mo. 16, 1837
(signed)

Leggett & Lapham.

Respected Friend:-

We rec'd a few lines through O.&A. Arnold respecting 5 csks xheese. We yesterday rec'd pay for the last. The above is a/c sales. The balance \$174.64/100 Dolls we send our check on Merchants Bank payable to order. We have no other way of remitting. Should the Bennington Bank decline taking the check - the Troy banks will.

Very respectfully,

Leggett & Lapham

Cash Bill
Goods cashed
at L. Patchins

Gloominess succeeded by cheerfulness. Ordered "Henry" & waggon soon up that accompanied by lady & daughter - tho' it rained like a thund. shower. Leave latter at H. Waters. Make use of 2 umbrellas - former trades at L. Patchin's. I proceed to Bank - get check cashed at L. Patchin's with

am't of note of Ap'l 4 deducted - note taken up - Money actually rec'd \$124.64 Some sensible remarks are made by Mr Blackmer, cl'k, only one pres't, on situation of the country, attributable to Jacson Administration - agreed well with my sentiments in regard to those things. Paid at Post Office 13 cts postage on Vermont Chronicle - One Q'r - Seeing Samuel Fay Esq near Bank - had few words with him in reference to Specie Experiment - Assembling Congress first Sept by Proclamation &c. Spoke Capt D. Rob. Jr who was very busy working at highway, making it extremely bad at present - whatever the result may finally be. Returned to Patchin's - Hopkins presented himself. Gave him \$1 to pay for book mentioned on page opposite. Cash'd bill of goods \$5.45 - started for home. Halted at Old Frank Store - took 5-1/2 lbs cut nails - pd 50 cs. Rec'd Adaline in waggon at H. Waters' - came home forthwith - Hopkins coach mab. Left with L. Patchin \$6.21 cs to pay John Vail Sr in full for hay - See May 11 - P.L. Robinson in store - also Buck'y Squires as well as Gordon Squires, clk. Elihu Wright's little Russell badly bitten in the right wrist while at play with our ~~dog~~ little yellow dog this morning. Wm Bates here at same time. Done in shed loft - Boys all present

Postage on Chronicle p'd

Book Bo't

Cash for Vail

Elihu Wright's boy bitten by our dog.

Wm Bates

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Would add to the 19th early in the morning that Hopkins conveyed those letters to Dr N.S's in spite of rain - written on Thurs. Now of no use since arrival of money ft N.York

SATURDAY, MAY 20 Continued rainy, but in much less quantity than on 19th. Strong S. wind. Merc from 48* to 50° & upward. Air damp & chilly - very sensibly felt. Boys went S. to Thompson's - procured & returned road-scraper. Found out nothing direct respecting small iron bar borrowed by P. Wrisley about 1 year since - supposed to have been pawned by him for drink at some grocery or public house. Hopk's drove up street, returned with goods which were inadvertently left at store on Friday. Geo worked on cow-pen doors. Father repaired rail fence on line against S.H. Brown's late wood lot - E. Ind. Lot - Flock frequently intrudes upon us of late. I assisted in cheese department, looked at papers & shoved the iron pen when not called for on other concerns. Read good letter on establishment of N. Bank written by D.A. Smith - Baltimore - Md.

Road scraper

P. Wrisley & iron bar,

Good piece on Bank

SUNDAY, MAY 21 Eldy - Rather on the chilly order. High wind, gt pt the day. Leaves expanding. Merc. 40°-67°-64°-59°. Attendants at Church. B & G.P. Ad. M. & Lydia Harwood. Adeline Waters went home. My reading was not extensive. Old Guthrie respecting Naples, Sicily & other Italian countries. Little of Louis XIV's reign Some Royal Family records - Important point with him as you will find. Afterwards looked at few pages - Henry Clay touching Bank of 1816 for which he was an advocate, tho' opposed to rechartering Bk of 1791. Republicans put down the latter & built up the former. No preaching. Mr Hooker absent.

Guthrie

MONDAY, MAY 22 Cldy - strong S.w'd, forep't day ending

in rain, 3 or 4 P.M. Merc. believed to be 51-66°-52. Elihu Wright's (Chesterfield) Garden plowed by Geo & Hopkins. More corn planted in field for fear that already planted might fail - but on finding much of it germinating, desisted, left & pursued other business - repairing fences, gardening, pruning apple-trees &c. Father this morning saw & conversed with neighbor S.H. Brown respecting fence against Gen Robinson's woods - S. side Ind. Lot & that E. of it. Talked fair & I believe did something afterwards. Hopk's & Warren eve'g up St. pd 20cs for bll Cand-wick at L. Nortons late F. Blackmer's. Mrs Julius Norton died this morning at about 4 o'clock after severe illness. In her 25th yr. Not personally acquainted with her - said to be, or to have been, a most amiable & unexceptionable character. Perused some of first pages Omeras Napoleon - Some in Guthrie - Hem. 8th Ed. 6th Bloody Mary. A man with drill & other blasting tool from W. Creek, N.Y. requested employment - named Gates. At first felt disposed to do so - but afterwards - surveying his countenance & gen'l appearance was off for the present giving him his dinner in the bargain - said he was going to Pownal

Season TUESDAY, MAY 23 Begins chilly - goes on cldy - Season backward. Grass yellow, faint & low.

Cash paid to Stebbins Walbridge Leaves slow in coming out. Merc. 42°-60°-52°, Manuring potatoe ground N. old orch'd - main employment. Stebbins Walbridge Esqr came in chaise this morning - alighted & seated himself by stove in kitchen - glad to warm - Presented Bill of \$6.56 for sawing which I cashed in full - Going West - even to Niagara Falls. Conveys our sister to Hiram Waters' in compliance with request of Mrs W. - Mary Ann Bowker - her girl - sick. Spent a part P.M. in E. Village - originally having intention of attending funeral of Mrs N. but which was all over before my arrival - not being informed seasonably of the hour - 10 A.M. At S. Weeks' had \$5 Bank note changed to \$3 & 2. - bar room containing some company - one of whom was Rom's Walbridge - with whom in haste exchanged cold compliments - not however through any ill will tow'd him - no not the least. Looked about the Tannery of Concklin - formerly owned in part by Turner Hills, whose property gave it proved to be. Saw no one except lady - head of stairs to E. end sheet loft - formerly occupied as shoe shop - who told me business had not quite commenced, shoes to arrive tomorrow. Marched up to residence of J. Rogers - few rods W. Union ~~street~~ Acad'y. Very pleasant situation. Held short conversation with his lady. Put in her hands \$3 bill to be enclosed to widow Clarissa Stone, in letter she proposed soon to write. Said money being payment tow'd board, trouble of the house in summer (June) 1823 when father waited upon Diademia to that part of the country for benefit of health. It was very earnestly desired by him that this donation should be forwarded directly forthwith. Looked at & conversed with Jonathan awhile as he was employed in clearing off hard-heads - S. side his lot - having boy & faint horse team of Wid. Sol. Lawrence & a very ragged elderly man assisting. Examination day at Union Academy. Cared not to attend. Visited works of Judge L. Norton. Large low building in forwardness for drying newly invented fire bricks - erected N. old works. Walked down street with notion going up town. Saw Adams' very noble

Wright's garden plowed

Fences

Napoleon

Gates, the driller,

Money entrusted with Mrs C. Rogers to sd to wid. Stone

Union Academy

Cow..

looking \$40 cow. Again recollecting the little crowbar al-
luded to on 20th went up street to the Old Chase place.
Questioned Wm Love respecting it - Knew nothing in rela-
tion to it. Mr Rog.Booth came that way (L was planting po-
tatoes few rods in rear of Main Street) saying he was in-
formed his was was cast somewhere on the hill N.Lieut Saf-
fords' woods. Love & boys went off to see. I departed.
Crossing old Safford farm,now work'd by Evans - thence
through near center of the Jo Safford place,in hands of
Stephen Bingham,across old 6 acre lot formerly property of
Jonas Fay Esq,but at pres't part of Bingham's farm,to At-
wood woods,thence through pasture to a point opposite the
Red Houses,where entered highway- went on to residence of
Judge Luman,whom expected some to see,but not yet arrived
from attending funeral - accomp'd by lady. Saw hired girl
or some one in that capacity - not of my acquaintance -
Looked in Spect. of May 18 in which sat down & read few
articles. Came home in season to assist at milking. Cow
called White Sim returned from pasture attended by calf
few hours old. Evening perused number pages Omera. Very en-
tertaining on Napoleon.

Cross over to
L.Norton's
Esq

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24 Frosty, Warm however when the sun got
high enough,but it was luke warm.Hazed
over & rained early eve'g. Merc. 30°-63°-46° Continued bus-
iness of 23d. Adaline away - spends night at Uncle Hi's.
Hopk's at school A.M. - home P.M. - Brings Vt G - very un-
reasonable on banking. St.Bt & 150 lives lost by fire be-
fore Natchez on Miss. Perused Rev. in Europe respecting
French Revolution.

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B W Jackson

THURSDAY, MAY 25 Dull & rainy in moderate way except
short time forenoon. Some harrowing
first attended to - Boys go to Jackson's - get Hopk's boots
mended - those he wore 9th March when cut through one into
his foot. Agree for more work. Get by request calico for
Azubah Thompson on my acc't at L.Patchin's - 12 yds \$2.-
They halt at H.Waters' to give chance to Adaline to ride ~~to~~
home - but she - not bestirring herself,sufficiently in sea-
son,came off without her - endured mortification of footing
it. Aaron L.Hubbell's marriage to Lucretia eldest daughter
of Deac. S.Hinsdill - 18th inst. & the departure of Deac.H
& remainder of his family,was news which they announced on
reaching home. I read many pages of Omera - hauled over old
news-papers in which perused some articles. Father very im-
patient respecting business and weather. Cheese of 23rd 74
lbs. Papers filled with money troubles. Jackson V.B.men
must look sharp.

Az Thompson
Goods

Aaron Hubbel's
wedding

Season

FRIDAY, MAY 26 Cldy to past mid-day. P.M. warm pleas't
Hailed joyfully. Merc. 46°-60°-53°
Leaves small & yellow - so of grass,thick at bottom. Col-
lecting stones for repairing wall built on S.H.Brown line
1816. Employ'm't of the day. Bourrienne's Napoleon - on
conspiracy of Georges,Picheque,Moreau & others & events of
1805 furnished me vast entertainment. Sold Hopk's 2d hand
boots to W.Sibley for \$2 chd.

Wall
Napoleon

SATURDAY,MAY 27 Slight rain early - afterwds pleast -

Potatoes
planted.

Enos Rudd

then chilling N.wd, driving before it now & then large black
clds portending fall of rain - which amounted in (really)
reality to little or nothing made up chief character of the
weather. At 48°-60°-56° therm'r. Say planted by stake abt
17 bhls potatoes on one acre ground N. old orchard. Dropping
done accurately by Geo P. Very bad hoeing - cov'g diffi-
cult - Grandfather performed his full share. Hopk's assist-
ed P.M. The five Sisters of Bennington rode up in a body
& after compliments & making some enquiries respecting land
& buildings were off. Asa Doty, Clk. Set land at 100 acres
\$15 pr acre. Dont know what sum buildings were entered at.
Enos Rudd Esq called to get information respecting services
of his late father, having some idea of obtaining pension on
acct of his mother - now in her 93rd year - which would be
accomplished next Nov - Stated his own age at 56 last Mch.
His father died in 1818, aged 78. Eve'g read acc't of Auster-
litz Battle but with't understanding much about position of
the armies.

Napoleon in
Egypt. Marengo

SUNDAY, MAY 28 Unusually chilly - Fair-strong wind.
Merc. 48°-57°-60°-52° Read much of Napo-
leon - of Egypt in part. Batt Mirengo June 14 1800 Dislike
looking over his reverses. Most extraordinary man. Azubah
rides off with Calvin Fay. Geo. A.M. & Hopkins to meeting
go. No Minister.

Billy
Armstrong.
Eunice Jewett

J C Presho

Soap.

MONDAY, MAY 29th Cold M'g - Frost - Chilly winds - Leave
late. Some apple trees show blossoms at
some distance. Merc. 34°-70°-51° eve'g. Billy Armstrong
bro't home - employing all the boys until noon. Digging
stone A.M. Manuring plowed ground P.M. Eunice Jewett puts
in my hands \$4 to buy cott. cloth. Presume Hopkins attended
school P.M. Rec'd entertaining letter from J.C. Presho, Natch-
ez Landing, May 8, mostly in relation to situation of Plant-
ers - State of money market - All very nearly agreeing with
previous accounts in papers. N.Y. Spect. 18 & 22 May. Letter
from J H Hooker attesting good faith of the firm Leggett &
Bapham, N.Y. Mr Elisha Wight pays us eve'g visit. Ladies
clear out cellar & make soap

Manure

Mrs Waters

TUESDAY, MAY 30 Warm - pleas't - wd S - Thund shower
ev'g. Lightens very sublimely in the
S.W. Merc. 41°-78°-80°-60° after shower. Manuring intended
potato patch - N. Mead. Very wet. Rec'd 2 papers from J.C.
Persho. Commenced letter to him in the eve'g. Aunt Lydia,
Mrs Waters & daughters Adeline & Mary Jane spend the day
with us. Blossoms coming out. Cheese of 28th 88 lbs.

Milling

Persho

Cash from
L. Patchin

Cheese

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31 Flying clds - Very warm - Thund & rain
near sunset - Dark cldy night - Very
growing season. Merc. 68°-81°-66° George conveys grist rye
& corn to Doolittle's mill. Gets horses shod at Deac. Wins-
lows. I fix iron on gate to Litt. Mead. Add more to letter
addressed to Persho. Father digs stones in pasture. Picks
up stones in S. meadow assisted by W. Sibley. Geo enters same
employment after coming from E. Village. Hopkins harrows po-
tato patch. By the hand of G.P. Harwood rec'd payment in ful
for 8 lbs butter sold a few weeks since to L. Patchin, \$1.60
Boys prepare big waggon for Troy. Crazy man sleeps in it
over night talking a great deal to himself. Quantity cheese
made present month, lbs 1942.

To Troy

THURSDAY, JUNE 1st Partially cldy - violently hot. Merc. up tp 86°. With Hopkins in 2 h wagg. started for Troy. Lost whip this side T.Hills. Not very well reconciled tp that - had as lief lost \$2 in money. Baited at G.Snyder's - Saw Capt I.Hawks, Elder Keach, an Irishman, a young man from Troy & others. Two last clashed some on politicks - the former great admirer of Gen Jackson - the latter as much the other way. Much said about pressure & its effects, Bank U.S. & banking generally &c. Arrived in Troy by about 5 - travelling in general, especially the first 15 miles - bad - tho much improved of late. No real satisfaction in riding when roads are thus bad. Put up team at Stearns'. New brick stable hot as an oven - Ordered horses into shed during night. No one, I believe, followed suit. Bo't 125 yds Br.C. shirting for cov'g cheese at a fraction over 7 cs a yard, of A.Loomis, Cannon's Row. Three bbls S.F.Flour of Vail & Hayner at \$9.3/4 - recommended to be first rate - just ground- from Western wheat - could sell as fast as they could manufacture it at that rate - no more whole bbls on hand. One of the above was taken for H.Waters. Bespoke salt, fish & other articles at Arnolds{ - List of which may be seen entered in Day Book p.74. Purchased card of Atwod Atwood's, Pens at store of Books, name not taken down. Late went to Capt.E.Waters' - few doors N.G.Gary's Tannery - All in usual health - Complained much of stagnation in business of all kinds. Poor people in great distress for want of employment.

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1837 BENNINGTON, JUNE ~~20~~ 1837 A part of the Big Dam above Troy, W.side, was carried off in the nights of May 30-31. E.Waters' Jun returned very late from little fishing excursi on. Business extremely dull.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2d Continued hot 2/3ds day. Rained in Bennington, 5 P.M. Did up business in haste, getting B.G's molasses & 2 lbs Saleratus of Hiram Smith, the former at 48 cs - the latter at 12-1/2. Paid bil of \$8.89 Bill at Arnolds amounted to \$24.45, to'd which pd \$12. Total amount of goods purchased on our own acc't \$59.09 Left as soon as possible - Mrs Waters' kind invitation to breakfast notwithstanding. Halted at G.Smyders 8 fd fed horses. Took cold cut. Mrs S. very active with the mop Young Snyder officiated in Bar. After this call came on again lively - loading considered - At T.Hill's made inquiry for whip - none had been found or heard of. Resolved to foot it on old road & enquire at every house. Hopkins with team kept on the McAdam. I was literally up to my resolution - found the whip in possession of a Mr John Wilcox at a house anciently occupied as a tavern near the Pittstown line. He really manifested a disposition to keep said property from the rightful owner - by making some alterations in its appearance. But on my describing it, readily handed over with a very glaring insinuation that it belonged to me to reward him for his reluctant honesty. That I didn't do. He picked it up in the highway nearly against the house. Came off glad to recover lost property, but sorry to see so little a spirit, in a fellow mortal, as was plainly developed in the conduct of the finder. Joined Hopkins' at Richmond's near the foot of the old John Potter hill - now almost done away by the Grand improvement rendered by Mc Adam. Watered horses, took glass sour cider & came moder-

Dan'l Rogers

ately along - making no halt except at hills & watering places until arrived at Farmer's Inn where visited, baited & drank excellent cider. There were present Daniel Rogers, Gardner the Irishman & Rich'd Dickinson. The last said had been washing sheep. With friend Rogers talked very spiritedly against late & present Administration, U.S. Gov't. He attributed most of our present pecuniary troubles to them. Mr Dickinson, I saw, was of the opposite party & said he believed I was so formerly. But I presume from the hot shots now given, he no longer entertained that impression. Being sufficiently rested came onward once more. McAd. very rough - stones uncovered all the way from Farmer's Inn to termination of the road near the State Line. Left Hopkins in charge of team coming up hill hanging behind stage - merely enough to enable me to keep pace therewith - Entirely up the hill & some distance this side - stage left me - Soon afterwards was taken into waggon by a gentleman of smart appearance with whom held some sensible conversation Set me down at Weeks' - Old Hickes, alias Capt Dewey stand. Was indebted to it. D. Robinson for his name which ought to have known or recollected myself. Ed M. Welling Esq'r N. Bennington. Stopped at H. Waters' until arrival of ~~W~~/~~ter~~ Hopkins which was soon - Left bbl flour there - Got home about dark - closing very irsorne day's work for team which had amply performed its duty. The folks had completed planting potatoes for the present

Potatoes
planted.

SAT'Y, JUNE 3

Gr Thunder
Shower.

Hot, but not in the extreme. Great thund storm late in the P.M. Clouds appeared remarkably black & frightful as it was coming up from N.W. & early in the eve'g when the main part had had passed over us to the S.E. there appeared after dark almost one continued sheet of lightning at the S.W. - Since saw acc'ts in papers of a terrible Tornado stretching across N. end' of Dutchess County N.Y. from N. Riber to some of the W. towns of Connecticut - doing immense damage to various kinds of property - more especially houses & other buildings, forest & fruit trees - same date, I believe, along with a profuse fall of rain there was hard blowing from N.W. Merc. 68°-76°, 62°. Apple tress may be set down for Bennington in general as in full bloom - 2d June - Many small jobs done up among which would mention causeway in nightpasture above meadows for cows to pass a morass. Rec'd visit from Mrs Street, Mr Lewis her son-in-law & lady. Place of residence, New Lebanon N.Y. Were refused admittance into dairy room - Cheeses were in such bad plight since the late hot weather came on. E. B. Burton left this morning.

Mr Lewis & la-
dy, Mrs Street

E. B. Burton

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

Letter to
Presho.

H. Waters
S. C. Raymond

Birthday of King George 3rd - Born 1738 Became more mild - growing cool - w'd N.W. Merc. 62° 74° Pretty dull - Let Journal stand still & wrote out letter to J. C. Presho - Natchez - Miss. Much of it anti V. Buren & Anti Jackson. Nothing strange or curious, all in the old way. At Church as usual. B. & G. P. - Adeline & H. H. Harwood. Rec'd call from H. Waters - Some complaint of hard times & bad debts - all however met manfully - Very little grumblng. Had recently been sued by ex-Cashier Raymond.

MONDAY, JUNE 5

Temperate, cldy, hazy. Merc. m'g 59° night 70°. Father & boys dig stone, Mrs Har-

wood great part of the day employed in sewing up soft cheeses which had partially failed during late hot weather. For some reason, perhaps wet weather, extreme freshness of feed succeeding hard, long late winter - cheeses were unusually soft & as we say huffy. Cows broke into S.H. Brown's enclosure - S. end Fay lot - first seen & driven out by lady whom supposed to be Mrs Kent - Went forth & mended fence - Sam's part - which was blown down during late storm. Sent to Post Office for Hopkins letter addressed to J.C. Oresho Paid demand against me of 23 Dolls 76 cs to G.P. Harwood - Given Mar 10 so very neighborly exacted no interest, these hard times. Let it be said duly to his praise. Evening, same gent. waited upon aunt Lydia & her niece Lydia S. Waters to H.W.'s. Returns with 3 bags salt bro't our pr verbal order by Billy Hitchcock to Frank's store, on Sat'y last.

Cheeses behave ill.

Cows break out

Better to Fresho.
Cash pd G.P. Harwood.

Billy Hitchcock 3 bg salt

TUESDAY, JUNE 6 Fair - Warm ap cool morning. Merc. 51° 19° 66°. Digging stone & cheesing respectively going on until noon. P.M. all hands attended annual training. Good deal of drumming, fifing & marching & counter-marching. Centre companies paid respects to E. Village. Never cared much for military myself. Did'nt get near enough to see exercises & evolutions - as one who would like to express an opinion of them. If I had, my judgment is so defective in regard to those things - would not have been worth recording.

Training

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In Weeks' piazza listened to long discourse between Capt A Hyde & S. Scott Esq on Battles, including that of Bennington, 1777 Personal courage - displayed by some - totally wanting in others. More public drunkenness than usual. Saw Mr Pool at L. Patchin's. Procured late Omnibus at J.C. Haswell's Father & self rode home in big waggon with neighbors Brown & Potter. Late milking - Father frets thereat.

A. Hyde
S. Scott

Drunkenness

WED. JUNE 7th Cldy - W'd S. rains before night. Merc. 54° 79° 66° Father & boys under direction of S. Loomis Esq - Surveyor of Highway - left before on account of rain. Sick myself - Stuck to the bed P.M. reading Mem'rs of N. Bonaparte. Aunt Sarah Robinson favored us with visit. Conversed fluently as usual. Cheese of the 6th weighed 86 lbs.

Work on Highway.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8 Cldy - ending in rain. Merc. 57° 74° 70° 68° Business led me to E. Village - children accompanying. Adeline paying brief visit to lady of J. Rogers. Bo't of D.D. Conklin 11-1/2 lbs sole leather, good quality at 25¢ pr lb. Paid \$2.87-1/2 to J. Rogers, his foreman, for the same at the old T. Hill stand. Exhibited good looking boots at \$4. Saw Billy Hitchcock to whom paid in full for transportation of salt on Saturday last from Arnolds - Troy - \$1.50 By new road drove to Jackson's, or rather seeing him on steps of late store of Deac. Hinsdill - less leather & instructions respecting work with him. Came back by way of C.H. Hill. At L. Patchin's bo't goods principally for Hopkins on cr - bill amounting to \$4.59 - Made out by Gordon Squires. Mark Morrison there. Stranger from W came in with a new article - carving knife & saw in the

Leather of Conklin

Goods of L. Patchin Morrison

Carving Knife & Saw.	same plate, edge on one side - saw teeth on the other. Price not recollected, but it was well put on. Left him carrying on a kind of joke with friend P. respecting money & hard times. No doubt it was his wish to sell his article by wholesale or retail as chances might occur. Rec'd letter from J.C. Presho, Natchez, May 8. Well & going below by steamboat on business. Late in the day joined people on road tow'd residence of S. Loomis. Goodly proportion made up of boys. Public road below School House to P. line indicted. Amount of road tax collectively against us \$9.22 Chores late.
Letter from Presho.	
On Road.	
Wm Bates Walling.	<p>FRIDAY, JUNE 9 Hot - cldy from E. Indications of rain. Merc. 63° 74° 80° 70°. William Bates Esq came on to commence walling. - but our highway rates not having been fully worked out - all hands, self excepted, went down to spend forenoon on road. When arrived on the ground learned there was no employment there - Mr L. gone to Troy. Remainder of the day devoted to walling. Attended to cheese in the usual way. Hunted up Starin cow & fine calf. Self & boys hoed potatoes in garden, P.M. Evening went to L. Patchin Esqrs. Bo't hemp thread & pins to am't of 80 cts. Shook hands with Cols Merrill & Norton - Gone from home 1-1/4 hr. Lent B. Fay cheese hoop of 16 inches. Saw 2nd No Bennington Co. Whig - Manchester.</p>
Starin Cow. L. Patchin.	
Ben Fay. Cheese hoop.	
B. Fay.	<p>SATURDAY, JUNE 10 Cold, Cldy, mainly from the E. Merc. 54° 63°. Walling continued. Hopkins assists B. Fay returns former hoop & borrows another of less size. Adeline unwell - had been for sometime</p>
Sickness H. Waters	<p>SUNDAY, JUNE 11 Fair - Cold - W'd N. Mercury presumed at 40°, seen at 44°, 70°, 66°. Wrote little. Read Napoleon near conclusion of his reign. Fair cheeses put in press - That of the 10th 90 lbs. H. Waters' people sick. Same members of family as usual go to Church. Mr Hooker preaches.</p>
Mary Nims.	<p>MONDAY, JUNE 12 Cldy - Warmer than 11th. Inclined to rainy P.M. Not here until near sunset. Merc. not entered in minutes. Bates continues wall - Rest employed procuring stone. Horses draw handsomely. Mary Nims bro't down - evening. Commenced reading travels of Maj Skinner in Egypt, Syria &c.</p>
Walling L. Patchin Widow Wells	<p>TUESDAY, JUNE 13 Rains more or less until noon - Warm - pleas't P.M. Merc. 56°-68° Supposed over 70°. Chores A.M. Walling P.M. Fine growing season. Cows doing well. Cheeses weighty latterly about 94 lbs. Hopkins at school. Miss Nims conveyed home. L. Patchin Esq to be married to Widow Sally Wells, formerly wife of Ira M. Wells, Druggist, Troy; N.Y. Hopkins grumbles great deal at new horse Henry.</p>
New Boots.	<p>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 Some cldy - some not - Distant thund. P.M. Merc. 50°, 74°, to 78°-64° Rec'd pr new thin boots & other work from Mr B.W. Jackson. At wall A.M. Bates all day. Hoe corn P.M. George & boys rode up street, eve'g. The former in my name on book purchases of N. L. Robinson new hoe for 63 cts. Brings home Spect. of the 8th</p>
New Hoe.	

Globe of
March.

Eph. Taylor
Hopk's not at
Acad'y
Last cow on
docket.

Cow-stable
Napoleon.
L. Patchin's
wedding.

Manure

Mr Pike,
Tyconderoga,
Good Whig.

More potatoes
planted.
Ed Rob & lady

Napoleon
Gazette too bad

Thompson girl
off.

B.R. Sears &
lady.

Rev. A. Smith

Maj. Skinner

in which the Globe abuses the Merchants generally of our country. Letter from Ephraim Taylor - Gt Barrington - N.pt rec'd - reduced to distress & wretchedness - requesting assistance from B.R. Sears. Aunt T. helpless & senseless. Hopkins not at school this day. Last cow, Dim. Pied., in the lot, blessed with calf on 13th. Starins calf butchered this day. Cheeses in these days about 98 lbs

THURS. JUNE 15

Uldy - some pt chilly. Big thund. show'r on E. mount. P.M. Merc. 56°-72°-64°. Finish hoeing corn by 4 P.M. Remainder day employed on 2 new cow stalls. Enjoy more of Mem's of Napoleon. Also look at N.Y. papers. L. Patchin weded Wid Wells this evening. Ed W Hooker performs ceremony.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

Cool. Thund. showers not infrequent. Some rainy P.M. Ch. 100 lbs. Merc. 43°, 71°, 72° 60°. 50° Patch S. of lane plowed 9th Sept 1836 manured. P.M father attends Friday meeting. Warren goes home even before noon with sick headache. Rec'd short call from Mr Pike & lady of Tyconderoga, N.Y. this morning - very pleas't indeed Found him a decided Whig. Lady very agreeable & sociable. Eldest daughter of my father's late cousin Eleazer Harwood - same place - son E. Harwood of Pittsford, Vt.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 17

Clds from the E. - signs of rain. Cool. Merc. 51 to 60°. Ground just mentioned ploughed & planted with potatoes. George butchers calf. Father digs stone by himself. Bates not here 16 & 17. Receive visit from cousin Edwin Robinson & lady & little boy the last very active. Carried on conversation in the eve'g with cousin E. as lively as my abilities would enable me - Perhaps a little too sharp on politicks - tho' at no great length. S. Lawrence & daughter gone on visit to the W. Mr Grover - father in law of Ed - hired his farm. Hopkins goes to grist-mill. Adeline rides with him & visits at J. Rogers. Derive no small satisfaction from perusal of Mem's of Napoleon - tho' only by transient chances. The Gazette of Tuesday contained a most scurrilous piece against banking. Too bad in my opinion - not gentlemanly at all.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

Clear, handsome, cool w'd N. Merc. 46° 71° 54° Made large cheese. Cous. E. & wf after viewing dairy &c go to Ch. G. Adeline & Lydia attend. Father spends the day at home. Azubah who went home to her brothers Sat. P.M. gives notice that she must be absent some time at least on account of sickness at her brother's - sends for some wearing apparel - advising to hire another girl if we can. Rec'd visit from Benj R Sears & lady, directs to forward \$1 in money for him to Eph. Taylor (Grandfather of his wife). Engages that the lumber put in for some weeks since should be forthcoming. Albert Smith the Rev'd Pastor, Cong. Ch. Wms8town, Mass., preached here this day Confined mostly to reading Maj. Skinner & Mem's of Napoleon

MONDAY, JUNE 19

Cool morning - Hot day - Tempered a little tow'd evening by cooling breezes. Merc. 48°, 77°, 62°. Digging stone, hoeing potatoes. Isaac

Isaac Judd

Letter & money Judd ate breakfast here this morning. Mailed letter to Ephm
to Eph Taylor Taylor containing 2 dollar bill on Bennington Bk. respond-
ing to his letter of June 10 - from B.R.Sears & self -
proceeded donation promising more on future day. Rode with
Miss Moon lady in quest of girl. Obtained information where to apply
Shaftsbury at Ben Sears'. Drove to Shaftsbury S.Village - Rec'd direc-
tion from a gentleman in front of store. Proceeded up E.
part old Parker Coles' store house - turned off S. through
gate - passed ore bed - arrived at substantial farm house
surrounded by numerous outhouses - the dwelling of Mr Moon
& shoeshop inclusive - the latter appropriated this day to
the business of sheep-shearing. The whole owned & occupied
Arch Mattison by Archibald Mattison Esq - Deac of Elder Mattison's Bap-
tist Ch - say 50 years of age . Wood-house well supplied
with dry wood, well prepared for use - Place formerly pos-
sessed by S.Cole - on of the sons of the famous packer -
since removed to the Black River country. Isaac C. his son
married eldest daughter of P.Harwood Esq - near whose resi-
dence is his abode in Bennington. Introduced outelves to
Mrs Moon who was spinning wool on big wheel - proved her-
self very sociable - Daughter gone short distance staw-berr
tying - would soon return. Formerly previous to marriage
worked at various places in Hoosick, N.Y., particularly for
Brown & Green at the White House near the bridge of the sam
same name. Those gent, carried on 50 cow dairy - say 21 yrs
since - Now in her 36th year - ending in Aug. - Mother of 7
children - Cynthia the eldest about 18 - we were wishing to
engage - She soon appeared - and after some preliminaries
were settled in favor of democracy, agreed to go home with
us & try a hand at \$1 pr week. He Mother was rather tall, if
not very erect in person - Maiden name Watson - claimed ac-
quaintance with Seth & Hiel Parsons, Hoosick Falls - Lucetta
her sister was brought up by the latter. Mr Matteson is the
brother of Thomas M. the adopted heir of the late John Alex-
ander & his widow. Said to be - I mean the latter - very in
temperate. Let him go with his wealth if that be the case -
it will never make him happy. Came off with the prize quite
well satisfied for the present. Returned borrowed spectacle
to clerks at Patchin's. Gordon Squires laughed at some odd
ities of mine. Bo't there 3 lbs blasting powder at 20 cents
& 1/4 do Common at 50 cs for priming. lot 72 cs - Reached
home by abt 4 P.M. Mr Whittemore came this morning to see
about blasting. He was instructed where to operate by fath-
er & G.P. George & Warren got home scraper - Evening - Pow-
der charged at L.Patchin's - No bills paid there in these
days - All on cr -

TUESDAY, JUNE 20 Rainy - say half the time or more. W'd
chiefly from S.E. Merc. 52°-60° perhaps
higher. Haf doz cheese shelves erected. More digging stone
when done raining P.M. Greatest part 2 heaviest cheeses
made in April. Casked by G.P. with assistance from me, in
iron bound good wine cask in good order, Tho' too high in
price, by 12-1/2 - so much exceeding \$1., which, as the hoops
were very rusty, would have been quite enough for it - sea-
soned highly with F.Brandy of superior quality - leaving it
to time to do the rest. Those cheeses partially ran down, by
reason of slack scalding & pressing, during the hot days at
the beginning of the month - previously leaked a great deal
Potatoes sold Sold 3 bhls potatoes to L.Norton Esq at 2/0 for which was
Hon L Norton offered money but refused on acc't of indebtedness for use

of oxen in Spt last in equal amount - D.Percy came for them wanted to purchase rider - enjoyed privilege of tasting . Sold & rec'd payment 5/0 for 2-1/2 bhls potatoes for Hiram R.Haswell for his father William. Some drollery enacted in the bargain between him & our Hopkins. When George procured cash this morning at Patchin's - bill of goods amounted to \$2.56

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WED. JUNE 11

Gen.complexion of the day cldy - begins raining eve'g - even before fin milk'g.

More cool than otherwise. Merc.56° M'g 61° night. Not observed at noon. Wind N.Proposed riding with father to Shaftsbury - but he would have nothing to it until completion of wall - for which digging & dragging material was the main business. Hopkins with us P.M. Azubah Thompson came up in her brother's waggon accompanied by 2 little girls of his- Dined & took away her things - said she would wait awhile for pay. Perused Maj Skinner's Travels in the E. - evening - Damascus &c.

Thompson girl

Maj Skinner

THURS. JUNE 22

Fair after late hour in the morning.

Occasional heavy gusts N.W.wind. Merc.

Sickness

Skinner.

not noted except at 2 P.M. & near sunset. 71°,69°. Sick in the morning. executed very little business in the cheese line. Read Maj Skinner from Damascus across Desert to Bagdad. Interesting. Had much rather read it than go it - Strange people. How differently fare the women.

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Jackson
Oration, '34

Wm Bates
Mustard.

Also late in the day perused an oration delivered on the 4th July 1834 to the Working Men of Milford, Maass. By Abel Cushing Esqr. Chiefly against Corporations & Banking in general, in true Jackson style. Wm Bates builds wall. Hopkins & Warren are employed much of the time in weeding mustard out of Barley, which appears full of it.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

Rather hot - smoky - W'd blowing fresh from S.caused it to be more cool P.M.

Wall comple'td

& evening. Merc. 66°,80°,72° Bates & the folks by a little past noon complete repairing 40-1/2 rods stone fence on N. line against S.H.Brown's Moseley Farm, terminating at N.W. corner of out lot. The E. end of sd fence, a few rods, was built, half wall, in the spring of 1797, if I mistake not ; remainder continued through during the season of 1816, chiefly by father assisted by Horace Dimmick - now no more. Formerly required 3 rails - the top ones staked on. Now being elevated to an average of 5 feet, only a single rail and stakes were used, was found necessary - formidable indeed. In place of bars of rails formerly set up in this fence - father & self erected those of boards in the course of the P.M. - joining Bates & G.P. in construction of stone fence along against upper side N.mead, skirting the noble Ridge rocks rising behind it. Said fence being composed of most uncouth material presented an aspect as rough & forbidding as could well be imagined. The young men near the conclusion of the day not a little worn down with hard service. Mr B. having completed 6-1/2 days assisuous labor at \$1 pr day - supped & went home, kindly putting off pay day to a more convenient season. Mr Whitmore caused the mountains to roar long & loud with his blasting which he performed, some

Whitmore
blasting.

Sport

at the foot & mostly near the summit & W.side Rock Ridge. Left, with promise of coming again on Tuesday next - provided the weather should be favorable. The dog Sport killed another chuck. Miss Louisa Yale favored Adeline M. with her company, a few moments, right in the height milking time. Cheese of 22d weighed 102 lbs. Hopkins at home all day.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24 S.W.w'd - cldy - Rainy from 10 to 12 - Partially fair P.M. Merc. 64° to 70*

Stable floor
Rev D A Clark

Bonnet bo't
of Leon'd
Godfrey

Death of
S.Safford Esq

Varying perhaps not greatly therefrom. All hoe potatoes in fair weather - Hoeing bad - In time of rain George & Warren took up stable floor of new barn. Plangs generally in good preservation. Rev Dan'l A.Clark, formerly pastor of Central Church, Bennington, made call - Not overjoyed to see him. Requested father to purchase copy of his works - Signified his determination not to buy. Mr C. appeared in better health than when last in town - 58 years old. George waited upon Adeline to E.Village in the evening - Bo't of Leonard Godfrey strsw bonnet, for which pd money \$1.75 After return sits up with her mother until 12 at night trimming it. Credited Mr W. for blasting rocks 1 day, \$1.50 on book. Died at his residence in E.Village Solomon Safford Esq youngest of the sons of Joseph Safford, one of the early settlers of Bennington, in his 83rd year, on Friday, 23rd, about noon. Always supported a fair character, kind good neighbor, very tender & generous to the sick - foremost in aid of the widow & the fatherless, possessed a thousand endearing qualities which may be summed up in saying he was an excellent man. A paralytic shock deprived him of his reason about 2 years previous to his death. However as to the time I am uncertain - perhaps it might have been longer. He was the youngest of a family of 5 sons & 6 daughters, who all resided in this town from its first settlement to 1784 or 5 and none died under 60 years of age. Mrs Esther, venerable widow of the late Col Samuel Robinson being now the sole survivor - in her 87th year - intellect bright, health tolerably good. The Safford family, for one so numerous, supported the highest reputation as to morals & propriety of behaviour of any that ever belonged to this or any other town. This I have partly from common report and partly from my own acquaintance & take pleasure in placing it up on this humble record. The remains of the deceased were in due form consigned to the grave in the Central B.Ground on Sunday noon - my father being one of the pall bearers.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25 Very warm, smky morn'g - more cool aft' ds. High gusts N.W.wind - Strong smell of smoke - Merc from something lower than 68° to 76°-65°. Besides cheesing spent time mostly in writing. Usual members of family at church. Adeline stays in the evening to hear preaching of Reverend D.A.Clark. Doctors Benj'n & Hiram Robinson, nephews of Mr S., were understood to be at the funeral - Were on visit from the S. - Cousin Heman, said to be doing finely, having married a young lady of superior moral worth & something of a fortune - Drove a plantation besides doing professional ~~work~~ business to some extent. Tow'd conclusion of the day enjoyed Mem'rs of Napoleon - Egyptian expedition, Massacre at Jaffa &c. Dont think him to blame for that. Mrs Yates, neighbor of Hiram Waters, descendant of Remember Baker of Arlington, Vt.,

D.A.Clark
Ben & H.
Robinson

Napoleon in
Egypt.

Rember Baker wished to make inquiry respecting him. We examined Vermont State Papers but found no essential particulars. His name occurs in several places in early transactions, touching the York controversy wherein he took a conspicuous part on the side of the Grants. Am informed by my father that during the War of the Revolution he was unfortunately killed in a skirmish in the neighborhood of L.Champlain.

Poor Fred'k Prescott. Mr Prescott - evening - came to inquire for Zubah Thompson Obtained no explicit replies. March'd off light as he came

MONDAY, JUNE 26

W.Sibley rides horse for Potter.

Ride to Shaftsbury .
Dyers
Cash pd in f'l to Jackson.

Smoke continued. W'd N. - mostly cool Merc. 56° m'g 62° n't. Gherge attended to cheese & various other requirements. Warren Sibley rode horse to plow among corn for neighbor Potter - assisted by Hopkins made bonfire of yellow mustard in the eve'g. The contemplated ride to Shaftsbury by father & self took place. Called on B.W.Jackson at the little shop few rods S Squire Henry's Bridge - Asked him am't of bill in full against - Replied \$7.89, which was promptly cashed. Alonzo Hinsdill & some others pres't - Made some observations respecting rag money, with strong allusion to ruin of the ~~ex~~ country and the Party

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Estes.
H.Waters.

H.Waters
pays cash.

as authors of it - about which left them laughing. Took road by Matthews House - saw many hands employ'd at sheep shearing - Sorry busi's at present - No market for wool. Proceeded to Daniel Dyers'. Deposited with him 3 more Deacon skins in addition to those left there May 17. He told us amount of business he had annually done - Arose from nothing, the same as his grandfather had done at an early day. The latter commenced on that very ground at about 21 years of age - emigrating from Rhode Island, with no more property than was contained in his handk'f. Two houses only where stands the City of Troy at this time & for some years monopolized all the hides afforded there & all on th the road this side. In this way went on - raising a family of 14 children - accumulating a valuable property in the bargain. On return came past fine house of Artem's Mattison, White Meeting House, to Benn. N.Village. Called to view Estes Factory - walls of which were finished - commenced plating interior. Hiram Waters & hands employed on steeple - perhaps had but one with him - Very generously shewed father & me all over. Well guarded against fire. Went up on deck of steeple - hand engaged in painting outside that thing in imitation of stone w'k where it rises from roof. Rec'd from hand of s'd Hiram twenty five dollars to be endorsed on \$100. note. See Mar. 11. Saw Rufus Towsley wheeling dirt to fill up under floor - E.side building. Told me some particular~~s~~ respecting Caleb Brown when he failed. Might probably have rode out the storm had he not held onto Cheese in market too long. Refused moderate gains - trusting to fortune for far greater - so like others, the better day never coming - failed at once. Said however had property enough to secure those who sued for money - but they wouldn't accept it. As we left village, pr verbal order at Harmon's store got 1 lb allspice & 1/4 cassia, chgd to acc't of H.Waters - 25 cs for both as I understood it. Came down past house of Mr Breese, former-

Powder at
L.Patchin's

L.Downs
Old Pensioner,
Benjamin.

B'd fence by
big hole.

ly Deac.French's - residence of Mr Whittemore - leaving word to have the latter come prepared to make breaches in underpinning of new barn for admission of air - in which B.Sears would fix win'w frames. Took new ~~reeds~~ road - entering V.Vill. by C.H.Hill - Procured Omnibus at J.C.Haswell's - Edwin Robinson - setting types. Bo't, as I supposed, 3 lbs blasting powder & 1/4 do common on terms similar to those mentioned on the 19th - Booked. Never weighed the article, but Mr Whittemore judged from bulk it was 1 lb under - which might have been so through mistake. Gordon Squires, the clerk, might have supposed I wanted only 2 lbs - shall be looked to. Saw Deac. Lorenzo Downs from E. part Benn'ton - also old Mr Benjamin the Rev. Z Pensioner - wanting to purchase flor &c. After getting home, taking dinner the day was concluded - repairing board fence - S.W. quarter night pasture above S.mead. built 1827 - Substituted cherry tree for post - rounding corner against big hole. Eve'g perused description - Bagdad - quite disgusting - mean buildings - very narrow streets.

Stable floors

First settler
Bennington,
Mrs S.Robinson

TUESDAY, JUNE 27 Think smoke. Rains rapidly little past noon from S. continues more or less most P.M. - stops before milking time - evening. Merc. 54° 76°, 66°. Nearly complete hoeing N. patch potatoes - N.mead. - by noon. P.M. S. stable floor, new barn, taken up. Not very rotten, but bad enough at best. Aunt Sarah Robinson sent billet for young Greenslit - man of uncle Sam, to father to enquire if Stephen & Hepzibah youngest of the brethren & sisters of my late grandfather Peter Harwood came with him when he first came to Bennington to house-keeping Whether he recollected hearing it said how many persons there were in the party who first led the way into this then "Howling Wilderness"? Whether the two Pratts brothers, both raised children - they being of sd party? & at what time Betsey the widow of the late Eleazer Harwood died? I endorsed on said billet - that my father did not recollect ever hearing the number of the company mentioned no farther than that there were 6 heads of families. Could recollect nothing positive about the time & manner of Stephen & Hepzibah getting here - presumed it must have been at the time alluded to - Regretted not laying up in his memory more of what he often heard grandfather say in respect to those family occurrences. However my endorsement did not comprise all of this. Aunt S. stated that she understood that there were 21 individuals in that squad - but to the best of her knowlege - could make out no more than 19. Only one of the Pratts raised children. Aunt Betsey died in the Spring of 1824. In her paper she stated that her son Edwin had commenced printing her famous Records in which she designed to devote a page to the first settlement of the town.

Whittemore
Blasting.

WED. JUNE 28

Fair, temperate - but little smoke. Merc. 57°, 72°, 62°. Mr Whittemore came on strong in men & tools - assistants being his son, young man of 25 & his friend Breese. Their blasting operations were confined to the same class of Rocks mentioned on Friday - none this side the ridge. Thet saluted us with some

pretty loud reports. Mr W. performed the needful through underpinning of new barn - S.side - B.Sears entered frames therein - 2 only being judged enough. Benjamin served us well in his line, assisted by his apprentice Lyman Rice -

Repairing barn & Stable Fl's taking up barn floor, procuring timber for sleepers - which had sadly suffered from want of air & if it had not been looked to in season would have been a vastly more serious failure. The principal floor sills were raised whereon rested the four inside posts of the barn, having since its erection settled more than an inch. Mr Whittemore differed from me 50 cs in his charges, which for labor was settled for this day for all \$3.50 For points of drills, 11 at 6cs 66 cents - including those of the first day - The whole bill due W. for both days \$5.66 ~~us~~ To be put over to next fall. Hopkins took part in the business of the day - ending it by gallanting Adeline & Cynthia to Conklins - E.W. - where 1 pr shoes apiece were bo't & paid for for \$2.37-1/2 to J.Rog. clk. 534 feet hemlock planks, pr Montague's team from Genl G.Blackmer's mill to be credited to B.R.Sears as pr contract. Skinners' travels pleased well - very good. Hemlock at \$8.

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THURS. JUNE 29

Muggy - cldy - wd S - Makes up for rain at night. Merc. 52°, 75°, 66°

Barn repairs

Repairs of barn go bravely on - More sleepers found wanting - the same are forthwith cut by father & transported to the spot by boys. Benj leaves at noon for Court House in obedience to call of committee. Father performs work of importance in garden assisted by the boy Warren. Lyman Rice sticks all day to barn. George taken up principally at scoring timber & assisting on barn job in various ways. Hopkins goes to mill with 7 lbs rye which too coarsely is ground by Hamlen who gets pay according to contract - Has horses shod at Henry Norton's - Saw a fine young man from Washington Co., N.Y. with 1d corn for mill market - Didn't learn price. Corn on ground said by the young man to be growing very stoutly in that section. One of his horses blind - fine fellow too - aside from blindness - span very decent. In the evening at play Hopkins accidentally trod on right fore foot of little Sport & caused him much apparent distress, manifested by most piteous cries. Major Skinner pleased me to no moderate extent. Like such travels. Let them who desire it, visit the ruins of Babylon - I don't want to.

Milling
Hopk's

Sport

Major Skinner

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

Soaking shower to begin with - Broken clds - Hot day. Merc. 66°, 88° three P.

B R Sears

M. 76° ev'g. B.R.Sears completes work here by about 4 P.m calling it 3/4 days work. Himself had worked 2-1/2 - his man, L.Rice, 2-3/4 days, with very trifling exception, on barn Leaving it vastly improved. Would soon have been in ruins but for this rip up. N.Stable floor taken up & laid down again partly new timbers put in for sleepers, floor receiving more pitch than before. Horse department excepted from the rest, not deeming it necessary to meddle with it at this time. New mangers for cows were constructed in both stables - nearly all the flooring laid down independent of the manger sills, very different from the former mode which almost vetoed repairs of plank when they gave way.

Barn repairs

Lumber
Queer Circum-
stance.

S.H.Brown

Remarks on
Barn.

Cheese.

Supports of barn floor were now very permanent. Father & G.P. went P.M. to Friday meeting. Boys undertook hoeing but were sorely overcome by intense heat & feelings common to men & boys who lack perseverance & therefore execute little. Stable floors composed in part of new planks. Mr Sears this day bro't to pass two very important events in one. He had the supreme satisfaction of receiving a load of 1000 feet hemlock lumber from as slack a man as Gen'l Green Blackmer, transported by the man & team of another gentleman of equally shyish punctuality - E.Montague Esq - if I may so write him. Said lumber stands credited to S. on my book at 80 cs per hundred according to contract. Hopkins borrowed barouch of S.H.Brown - rode with his grand-ma & Adeline to E.VI Village - Bo't shoes at Conklin's - left former to visit at H.Waters'. Came home with Father & G.at night - that is mother came home. One word as to overhauling floors of new barn. Two thirds only of the central were taken up - W.end apparently firm. One cross sill made new. Quantity cheese made during present month ~~2819/176~~ 2819 lbs - 294 under 1836

Hot weather

P Hoeing

C.Moon

SATURDAY, JULY 1 Excessively hot nearly 3/4 the day. Cl'd up abt mid P.M. Appearances warranted great shower, but in our immediate neighborhood it was light, some thinder but not of long continuation. Morning Merc. 62° soon rose to 80° - then to 84° next 88°, 89° at the same in open sun S. side the house stood at 108. Left off at night in shade at 70°. Water in cask right from the fountain brought Mercury down to 55° - At trough in milking yd about the same. Nearly completed hoeing corn 2d time, should, had shower held off, half an hour. Hopkins plow'd amongst corn quite cleverly - Warren rode horse. The former late P.M. gallanted Miss Moon to within short distance of her father's, Shaftsbury. She had become outrageously anxious respecting this project - fearing our lukewarmness & the warring elements might unite to defeat it. But she declared she must & would go in spite of every obstacle, even if it were on foot in midst of thunder-storm. I gave my word the team should go - were it 12 at night. Not much veiling the passions here. Quite bright & beautiful N.Lights in the evening.

Wid.Norton

N. Norton

SUNDAY, JULY 2 Fine, cool - wd NW - strong too. Merc 62°, 72°, 57°. All at church - lady & self excepted. Girl arrives from Shaftsbury about dark. Sibley boy not present at milking - eve'g. Old Mrs Norton very lame in consequence of falling when in the act of getting into waggon - son Norman in very low health.

Gov Tichenor
Mrs Wrisley

MONDAY, JULY 3 Cool morn'g - wind fresh at S. - Thundered. Signs great in favor of rain by quantity - tho' cloudy much - rained little with us. Merc. 53°, 74°, 60°. Business not so driving nor so important as at times. Hoeing corn completed for 2d time. Rails collected by side new wall. Gov Tichenor brings down Mrs ~~Gov-Tichenor~~ Wrisley in his chaise - leaving her here to enjoy visit a day or two while re-

Goods
Hinsdills'

Death of
Aunt Taylor

Jeff Albro
N.L.Rob'n

covering her health - having been ill of late. Countenance very pale. Lady & self take short ride. Call on B. W. Jackson near Squire Henry's Bridge - Bespeak pair of shoes for Miss Moon. Come round to old Hinsdill store - now in possession of Norman B. Hinsdill & Wm Hins'l clk - Buy goods on Book to am't of \$4.06 - Pr glass lamps inclusive 7/6. Very friendly. Take new road, entering V. Village by C.H. Hill. Receive letter by hand of B.R. Sears written by sister of Mary Ann, Stockbridge, M'ss - giving notice of death & burial of Aunt Sarah Taylor, last of my mothers sisters, on the 27th & 29th ult. Aged about 79. As I rec'd Omnibus at Printing Office - saw Col O.C. Merrill, J.S. Robinson Esq & S. Clark - Also Jeff Albro at Grocery of N.L. Robinson. Wife paid her respects to cousin Minerva. Arrived here so as to have hand in milking. Stopped in town longer than should otherwise had there not been so strong probability of rain - after all rode home in principal shower.

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H.H.H. & Chas
Raymond

Letter on
Bank.

M L Selden
W. Bates

TUESDAY, JULY 4 Cool again - partially fair - Very sure signs, back'd up by mere flurry of rain P.M. here & hereabouts. Merc. 55° mg 66 nt & even lower. Hopkins & his young friend Chas Raymond rode to Hoosick Falls to keep Independence. Celebration would have been splendid but for 4 young men getting accidentally hurt with gun powder - some unfortunate withal. Father sawed up old wood - perused Chronicle - spent P.M. mostly walling. Cousin G. attended Ministerial, Sunday school - Temperance - Celebration - E. Village. Warren there also I believe. Usual concerns gave employment up to 1 P.M. Saved, put on my best and with newspaper in hand walked to H. Waters' - reading most the way. The main article was Mr Hamilton of Charleston, S.C. to N. Biddle on the currency & other affairs connected therewith. Liked him well on National Bank, made short halt with Mrs W. & Adeline M. Continued walk to Weeks' where took seat with M.L. Selden & Willard Bates. In the course of conversation allusion was had to the old Meeting House which stood near the center of the street - a little NW of the present one. B. asked what events connected with it we recollected? I bro't up the enactment of the Tragedy of Gustavus Vasa - Aug 1805 - by J.E. Robinson, Sam B. Young & others in good style. B. on his part mentioned the trial of Tibbits & Whitney for the murder of the Indian, Aug. 1802. Friend Selden spoke of the days of Bonaparte - Count Sequi's acc' of Russian Campaign. It was his opinion that the French Emperor committed an irreparable mistake in dismissing Josephine & taking to himself that young flirt, Maria Louise. His affairs never went well afterwards. On another subject too he gave his opinion. That children would gain knowledge much faster than they now do, in general - if they were not taught the alphabet until 8 yrs old. Walked up the hill together. Parted at the office of S. Robinson Esq where staid awhile. Saw John S., Gen'l Henry, Phineas Lyman Robinson & B.F. Fay. Sat a short time with John & Lyman - some jokes were passed on Matrimony. Returning tow'd home - halted sometime conversing with Capt A. Hyde on the currency &c. He was very

John S. Rob'n

Capt. Hyde.

S.H.Wrisley

Letter from
H.Palmer

lame from an upset of the left ankle - if I am correct as to the side. Came remainder of the way - reading - as I went up. Hopk's returned bringing home Adeline with him in good season. Little S.H.Wrisley came away from Gov^T's - stole carpet rods which he began distributing to some of his mates when his fun was broken up by discovery - himself sent away under keen displeasure of the old gent Staid here with his mother over night. Rec'd letter from cousin Henry Palmer, Dated Essex, N.Y. June 26 1837. His own health not very good - wife & family well - no communication from Bennington friends for 1 year. if not wholly forgotten would be happy to rec. letter from any who would take trouble to write - Asked how we all did - Whether Geo were were in Chicago. Mentions G's writing him that he Tho't of going there. Duns me for visit. Had been here twice from St Lawrence Co. Considered I might easily meet him half way. Yet tending mill - which furnished Jonny Cake. Requested us to bring one of our large cheeses to eat with the cake. Cash ready for us. Respects to father & mother & all the rest - &c - Very good. Surely must answer it.

Potatoes.
Mustard.

Rev D A Clark

WED. JULY 5

Dull, cldy up to noon - then rained.

Merc. 58°, 66°, to 70°-64°. The rains

were but faint. Potatoes hoed. Mustard amongst Barley pulled out. Wrote most of letter to Henry Palmer, Essex, NY - That we were in usual health - Geo not gone to Chicago. No time nor money for visiting, Tho' it would please us va\$ vastly to do so were it otherwise. Gave him strong invitation to come again - reminding him of the great satisfaction afford by his former ones. Conversed very busily with father in the evening on olden times & some on politicks of present day. Judge Burton & Doct. Heman Swift were announced Whig candidates for S.Senators, Benn. Co. Priest Daniel A.Clark made short call early eve'g - being on foot from Williamstown, M's.to Bennington Street. Took cup of tea - made prayer & was conveyed up street by boys in 1 h. wagg. This gentleman was comfortably superannuated - trudging about the country selling his Works.

Mrs Wrisley

Gen Robinson

U.S.Bank

And C Parsons

THURSDAY, JULY 6

Cldy - cool morning - Warm P.M. Signs of rain all fail. Quite heavy gusts

NW wind, evening. Mercury 56°-76°-70° Chief employment of father, G & W digging stone. Convey Mrs Wrisley, Hopkins & Adeline up street. The former & little boy get readmitted at Gov T's. At store of Sanford & Brown. Gen Rob. sees me & requests price of the horse "Henry" - Answer evasively - Talk on the times with G.R.Sanford Esq. At L.Patchin's purchase 12 lbs cut nails for \$1.charged. Saw P.L.Robinson reading Jour'l Commerce of recent date. Had come out boldly for Dan'l Webster, President. Said he believed Congress would grant another U.S.Bank. On coming home found cousin Andrew C.Parsons.wife Margaret, & Sister Jane on visit - With the former strolled over lots to exhibit the old patrimony with which he was in his youth very familiarly acquainted. W S Southworth obliged us with short call P.M. Spoke of former days & of his brother Gustavus, lady & little boy. At Patchin's saw S.S.Scott - pale, but getting better.

Ensign.	<p>FRIDAY, JULY 7 Temperate - Some mackerel sky - not very cldy - Merc. 54° 74° 67°. Boys all off fishing in one of the Stamford ponds which empties itself at the NE extremity. Poor luck - caught very few fishes - not vldy enough. Former part day father was alone digging stone - foot Rocks - P.M. I joined him - usual cheese employment having been duly attended to. While at the house, Mr Ensign, E. Village, came to see about working for us through haying - Engaged him at \$20 per Mo. Sent letter intended for Palmer to P.O. this morning - Finished reading H. Everett's address to Windsor Co. Convention, May 31 1837 - Historical - Good on causes of Pressure &c. Boys home in good season.</p>
Everett's Address.	
	<p>SATURDAY, JULY 8 Alternately cldy & clear. Now & then quite hot. Indications of approaching rain. Violent gusts N. wind toward night. Merc. 53° 78° 72°</p>
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Lumber	<p>Piling lumber - Setting over a few rods old board fence - built S. side land against Barn Y'd - saw in 1820. Clearing sd y'd of rubbish, digging stone P.M. by father & Warren & partial erection of temporary shed over big whey tub by Geo & me constituted business of the day. Cousin Andrew, cous Marg't & Jane accompanied by Ad. & Hopk's visited furnace - saw casting - viewed forge in ruins - & paid visit to J. Rog's & family - all much to their liking - Were also at H. Waters'. Mr Tim Potter was now in Prison for breach of trust.</p>
Visit to Furnace.	
	<p>SUNDAY, JULY 9 Cool - pretty fair - somewhat hazy - W'd N. Merc. 55° 65° 70° 63°. Absent from church - Mother, wife, girl & self. Assisted in getting large cheese in press. Perused many pretty pages Life Franklin, 16 mo. Wrote Journal & some acc's. Again took to reading - Chiefly Mem's N. Bonap. previous to, during & subsequent to siege St Jean D'Acre in March, April, May, 1799 Bloody Melancholy. Then saw an article on Bk Eng'd established 1693 - Did not finish reading it.</p>
Franklin Bonaparte in Egypt. Bank England.	
	<p>MONDAY, JULY 10 Cool - pretty fair - Wd N. Merc 47° 70° 62° Potatoes hoed A.M. - corn P.M. Cheesing - most morning. Plowed corn P.M. Rec'd line from E. Montague pr J. Jipson req esting another cask cider on Cr - this morning. Granted. Cousins took departure for Hoo-sick late morn'g. Andrrw made us acquainted with his having visited N.E. section Indiana - upper waters of Maumee River last spring, where purchased handsome farm at low rate After few years should sell at high profit probably. Should set up business in place called Sloane's Ville - about 12 miles from Greenville, N.Y. In Spect. of July 3 saw Speech of Mr Webster deliv'd at St Louis - on Currency &c. -</p>
E. Montague Cider	
And C. Parsons	
Mr Webster.	
	<p>TUESDAY, JULY 11 Very parchingly hot until past 3 P.M. when came on rain accomp'd by thund'r - increasing to a real heavy shower - Many & frequent tremendous claps thunder - none however after about 9 in the eve'g</p>

Louisa Yates

Rain continued, I should think, most of the night. Merc. 48° 80° 84° 63° 106° in open sun about noon. Hoeing all done up Shed completed. Ladies rec'd company - Mrs Waters & Mrs Louisa Yates. Entered ~~subscription-fer-former~~ superscription for former on letter to Dr Reub Ashley, Russell, N.Y.

Aaron Burr
Memoirs.
Hon L. Norton

Sam Safford
L S Patchin
Minerva Rob'n
J. Rogers

Money pd to
S. Chandler

WED. JULY 12

Pretty warm. Merc. 63° 76° 80° 66°
Barn cleared for haying. Hopk's at sch^d school. Ordered 10 bbls rye for mill to supply cows. the same loaded in 2 h waggon conveyed in person to Doolittle's mill & ground to order, paying the miller Hamlen therefor according to contract 60 cs. Borrowed of him - 1st Vol Mem A. Burr. Had horses shod in part at Henry Norton's - Paid short, but very agreeable (to me) visit to hon. L. Norton in office at works. Talked politicks mostly - not forgetting Battle of Long Island &c. Father, wife & daughter rode down with me. The former visiting his old friend Sam Safford & some others. Both the ladies called to see Mrs L.S. Patchin - gone - absent at N.L. Robinson's - Minerva sick - nigh onto death - so went to J. Rog's - where Adeline remained all night, her mother & grandpa accompany'g me home - Perused Burr eve'g. In E.V. spoke J. Murphy, in health - Paid to Collector Sam Chandler \$10 toward subscription (Mar 11) & \$5 to Mr Hooker - this morning.

Wheying
Establushment

Buying wool

Goods at
Hinsdill's

B W Jackson

Demis Robinson

THURSDAY, JULY 13 Tolerably warm. Appearances warrant expectation of rain. Merc. Mornibg seen to be 50°, not noted afterwards during the day. Boys - Geo., Chief Engineer complete enclosure of the front part cow-stalls including suspension of 2 old 4 ft gates. Large gate to N. Barn Yd leading into N. meadow righted up so as to be very convenient. With spouse rode about in quest of wool Made halt at cousin N.L. Robinson's - wife more easy, but very low. Directed us to Dr Nichols' to buy wool - Drove on Called & rallied woman of the house, or tenant's lady, as we had reason to suppose from her manner - from sound sleep - tho' it was as late as half past 1 P.M. Shewed decent article sheared from only common kind of sheep - Price 50 cs - Had rec'd encouragement from Barker, White Creek, of making sale of the whole lot at that - say from 35 to to 40 fleece No bargain - but if we could suit ourselves no better would take 6 lbs or so. Next arrived at Hinsdill's - Bo't bill goods amounting to \$5.96 - charged. Chiefly cott. cloth 29 yds at 13 cs - some raisins - pitchfork - &c. Hopk's had got Pitchfork at L. Patchin's, which, because there was defect in handle, returned - price being 50 cs. H's was only 46 cs Riding over to B.W. Jackson's - few rods S. Squire Henry's bridge - met many people, finely dressed, returning from some gathering, which on enquiry found to have been dedication of Mapleton Meeting House, Hoosick, N.Y. Transacted business with sd Jackson with whom left old pr thin boots to be mended - which with girls shoes & an old pr to be repaired for wife, he would when completed, forward up street with his bill, which I engaged to cash at sight. Took away all my leather except what he wanted for work in hand. Moved to Brackenridge's enquiring for wool. Young man said they had put out theirs at factory - at shares - said we could try Demas Robinson - tho' the man was crazy. So we found him, but not so but that he could attend to business in his own

way. Recognized me - conversed rationally - making now & then an observation low to himself. His brother had requested not to have the wool retailed out in driblets bus his wife and her mother, Mrs White, tho't to spare so little as we wanted, could do no material damage. He hesitated. I started to come away. Finally he consented to let it go - so weighed out 2 fleeces, 6lb 3 oz at 2/3 Paid him \$2.33 & came directly home, arriving before sun set. At Inds dill's, seeing Uriah Edgerton Esq., made enquiry respecting Etzhan A. & Heman A. Fay, Albany - themselves in good health - also family of the latter - whose wife was now at E's house. But the wife & daugh'r of the former not expected to survive many days. Invited us to call at his residence to see his lady who remained in much the same helpless condition she had been for a long time, he told us, in the midst of afflictions preserved the utmost serenity, Christian cheerfulness & resignation in his manner. Nothing seemingly could make him unhappy.

U. Edgerton Esq

Mrs K. Fay not expected to live long.

FRIDAY, JULY 14 No thinness of air equal what was felt this day during the season - Refreshing rain from 4 to 6 P.M. - some smart thunder. Merc. 64°. 84°, 86°, 68°. Employed as usual during the morning. P.M. devoted chiefly to writinh letters to cou cousins

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Letters to Mrs L Sears & J. Dewey Death of Cornelius Stone

Lucy Sears & Annis Stone, Lockport, N.Y., & to Jared Dewey Hopkinton, N.Y. Informing the parties of health of friends here. Deaths of aunt S. Taylor & Cornelius Stone News of the latter being reported to us by Adeline from her aunt Catherine Rogers - who gave particulars as she rec'd them from some credible person from which it seem to have been very sudden. (On Tuesday, 7th inst.)

Cash paid Warren Sibley. Letter from J. A. Wight.

George & Warren ground scythes A.M. P.M. took waggon & rack to Chandler's shop to be fixed more conveniently. Former attending Friday meeting - the latter seeing to horses - going where he pleased for aught I know - purchasing himself straw hat for 25¢. Before going up street I paid him 50 cents tow'd wages - charg'd to his father. Late P.M. rec'd letter from J. A. Wight, dated Pakatonica, June 27. Must put over remarks to a more convenient season. Doing well - laying foundation of property. There came an elderly couple here about noon in one horse waggon. The gentleman requested to get a quantity of slippery elm bark for medicene for the old lady, who had been afflicted with cough 5 or 6 years - accomp'd with asthma & remained so still. Granted. He succeeded very well - Dined with us - his wife reposed. Staid awhile stripping bark & were off. Dill was their name, from some part of Hoosick, formerly lived in Petersburg, N.Y.

Dill & sick wife.

SATURDAY, JULY 15 Extremely warm, until late in the day Two smart showers were sent us - the first about noon - from 11 to 12 - the 2d past 4 P.M. Both attended with thunder. Mercury 70°, 78° - say 63° at night.

Canada this-
tles cut down

Father & boys being engaged in seeing fences about great cow pasture - that they were in tolerable order - gathered load of old wood - started for home just as the first shower came up. The latter took a soaking - the former something less by taking shelter under the low projection of a certain rock. Scythes were ground. Geo. mowed patch near S.Mead. gate where grew some very luxurious Can. thistles. Desired me to note it to see another day what effect the wet weather would have on them. They stood close by the board fence running S.tow'd brook. Added more to letters mentioned above. Began one to J.A.Wight - making one page.

A. Burr

Dr N.Swift

Meeting Sch.
House.

SUNDAY, JULY 16 Cool, pleas't, w'd N. Merc. 52°, 72°
Farther remembers not. Mostly at writing. Perused Burr's letters to his daughter some - Believe B. to have been really Military. Mother unwell - visited by Dr N.Swift. Same individuals as usual at church. Wife & daughter attend small meeting at School House in the eve'g at which were most of the neighbors - to whom Mr Hooker preach'd. I knew of it too late to attend.

P.B Ensign

Dog wounded.

Little Sport.

MONDAY, JULY 17 Very fine - Pure N.air - Merc. 48°, 72°, 76°, 79° (76) 72°. Haying commenced in good earnest. Peter B.Ensign came on as agreed. Little Sport - the smart little active dog - great favorite in the family - being highly engaged in hunting mice very unexpectedly & most unfortunately came in the way of Ensign as he was mowing & rec'd a most terrible gash in the front part of the left hind leg near the gambrel joint - severing the main sinews of that part of the limb as well as the artery - causing an immoderately rapid discharge (loss) of blood. In the utmost haste Geo & Mr E. applied a bandage & sent the little sufferer in the arms of father to the house - bleeding copiously all the while. His mistress then took him in hand. proceeded in some trepidation to bind up the wound in scrapings of sole leather, with strips of thin dressed sheep-skin, a bandage of cotton cloth enclosing the whole - the animal kept tolerably still afterwards & the blood ceased to flow - except a little when he moved about. on examination it was found the foot of the opposite leg was wounded considerably - tho' comparatively it was of little consequence. In the hurry of the moment a surgeon was not tho't of - otherwise should have sent forthwith for Dr H.Swift. Adeline said she tho't of it, but supposed, if she proposed it, the idea would have been ridiculed unmercifully - therefore kept it to herself, but could she have known that it would have rec'd the sanction of her parents, would most cheerfully herself have gone for him. In the evening out boys, having business up, thought it their duty to give notice to Dr H.S. of the case & my wish to have him inspect it. Accordingly he had the goodness to come down - But seeing it was well done up, & the hour being late, say 8 in the ev'g, nothing was done. He, however, said if he had been present at first - should have taken up the artery & stiched together the edges of the wound. I complimented him for the kindness he had manifested in obeying the call - talk'd politicks some &

Gov Tichenor & Mrs Wrisley.

he left. Gov Tichenor, just at night, came down in his chaise with Mrs Wrisley to get some potted cheese of which sold him small quantity. He looked at the ladies flowers in the garden, saw the dairy and cows - all which he greatly praised, as natural for him. Gave some acc't of proceedings of the Senate U.S. in the latter day's of Gen Washington's Administration. Knew Burr who was put to learning at a tender age - left College at 16 - His father was Minister of the Gospel at Newark, N.J. Gov. T. christened him (the gov). It was really amusing to hear him relate scenes in the old Senate under Washington & then with Adeline he became even musical, telling an English story which he picked up somewhere which concluded with a little song which he in a manner sung - in allusion to Adeline's milking her portion of the cows. Rec'd boots & shoes & bill \$1.13 from B.W. Jackson. Full moon arose in appearance very large & as far to the S. as could be.

B.W. Jackson
Low Moon

TUESDAY, JULY 18 Fair, with slight haze. Some thunder heads seen in the distance. Very warm - more especially about 4 P.M. Merc. 50°, 80°, 88°. 68°. Haying went on vigorously. No inconsiderable quantity drawn in, besides much that was ill made left in winnows, trusting to favorable aspect of the heavens. I put up some defence against the burning rays of the sun at the S. end of the old stoop - by fastening up spare door & casings. Rec'd visit from Mrs D. Waters with babe in lap. Father worked steadily - with exception of retreat ing now & then to rest. Sent money pr Hopkins in the morning to pay bill of J.W. Jackson left with N L Robinson, & to pay the latter 63 cents for ~~his~~ hoe bo't some weeks ago. Little dog stirs about some. Alonzo Cummings man of N. Norton proposes helping us 3 days at haying for same am't, harvesting oats - Refused - grass too green to admit of haste in cutting it - Wanted to oblige too. Perused letters of Burr to his wife & some from her to him as well as those to his daughter.

Mrs D. Waters

Money sent to Jackson or left for him.
Cash pd N.L.
Rob. Jun 14"

A, Burr

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 19 Very hot again. 64° to 80°-82° perhaps exceeding that. Sinking in the ev'g say to 68° or 67°. Rained & thind'd from 4 to 7 p.M. Several loads very fine horse hay taken in from new g'd off W. barn. Went to Dr H.S. & had him come to see & dress the wound inflicted on the poor dog last Monday. Told us he thought it would get well - must take bandages off for good after expiration 3 or 4 days. Wrote few lines more to J.A. Wright - Too warm to do much with cheeses. In N.Y paper sw some of the Letters of Americanus - describing Towns & Cities of Germany. Burr afforded amusement - but for all - couldn't banish the remembrance of his having shot so fine a man as Alexander Hamilton.

Horse Hay.
Dr H. Swift

Letter to
J.A. Wright

Burr.

THURSDAY, JULY 20 Very warm once more - fann'd I know by gentle blasts from N. Merc. 62°, 78°. Not observed any more that day. Mowing all done on ground described July 20 1836 - Commenced out N. against Sam B. line on quack piece. Two loads hay drawn in by boys & me. Raking done as usual. Enos Rudd Esq accomp'd

Quack Grass

O.C.Merrill
E.Rudd

Louisa Yates
H.K.Parsons.
Cornelius
Stone

by O.C.Merrill, comes down & gets substance of relation from father (not on oath) respecting Revolutionary services of his late father, reduced to writing to send on with other documents to Washington in order to obtain pension for his mother from gov't. (May 27). I wrote a few lines on matrimony to J.A.Wight - Not deep I assure you. Adeline visits Louisa Yates. H.K.Parsons makes short call in s sulky - Gives particulars of the death of cousin Cornelius Stone which occurred on the 7th inst after a long course of fuddling which probably opened on the 4th. 2nd son of my eldest aunt on my mother's side - born I believe in Mar 1772. His mother's maiden name Rhoda Dewey born I should say in 1850 O~~4~~ 51. C. learned to tipple in his youth. Natural abilities good.

FRIDAY, JULY 21 Pretty fair - with slight smoke - comparatively cool. W'd fresh at N.E. sometimes seemed to be S.E. Merc. 50°, 70°, 71° or 72°, 64° Eight lds hay in - some mowing too done on quack gr's. Father labors assiduously at rak'g and rolling up hay. Geo., Ensign & Hopkins, hay boys. Nr N.Swift pays visit to mother - has something to offer on banking - must, to inspire confidence, be conducted upon an honest scale. Eliza K. Warren with her little one pays respects to our ladies Wife & daughter make visit to Mrs Elisha Wright. Col Burr very active in rrtreat from Long Island aft battle Aug 27 1776 - and from city N.Y. Sunday, Sept 15, following. Last bbl flour broached

Eliza K. Warren
Mrs Wright
Col Burr
Flour

SATURDAY, JULY 22d Tolerably fair with signs of foul weather. Cold ev'g. Merc'y (50° 70° 47°-72°-57°. Continued operations in N.W. section of main body N.Meadow. Extent gone over in sd mead. say 9 acres, yielding according to computation 15 tons of which ab't as many hund's were left out - not hay'd sufficiently to get in. Dined here this day the wid. of the late Romes Moon - formerly of our neighborhood. Came last on horseback from N.pt Pow'l - S.W. Sam Wadsworths. Husband died at Flavius, N.Y. ~~some~~ - Aug 3rd. G.P.Harwood corrects me says Mrs M. stated death of husb'd 30th April 1836 - 20 miles S. Syracuse, N.Y. some time last winter of consumption - leaving 4 children - with, we may presume, no prop'y (See Jour'l for Spring of 1829 & Fall 1831. She seemed to be in quest of future employment - left horse here & went, for that purpose, on foot to E.Village. Late in the day rode off for Hollenbeck's, near old Mathews House - H's wife being her half sister. Sold to Montague 1-1/2 bbls cider on a/c pr same hand as before. In line requested I bbl better quality if tombe spared. Price at my discretion & would have the other filled with poor - otherwise to do as we did. Isaw not fit to comply - tho' I knew the liquor that I had last furnished him was very cutting, yet for good honest reasons, which it is too troublesome to enter here, could see no better way than to supply him with it again. It had sufficient strength - if too sharp, use more water in drinking it.

Hay
Wid.Rom.Moon
Montague, cider

Irishman

An Irishman 3 months from Quabec presented himself for employment this morning - followed me into the cheese room - where, after about a few moments, talking of the scarcity of bread in towns through which he had travelled, wanted to know what those were? Meaning the cheeses. I simply explained it to him without quizzing, presuming, as no cheese is made in his native country, that of course as he had been here so short a time, it was no wonder he was thus ignorant. He asked for & rec'd his breakfast & was off. Late P.M. added a paragraph to Wight on currency.

To Wight.

SUNDAY, JULY 23

S.W'd - smoky - chilly ev'g. Merc. 52
76° 70°. Searched American History &

Aaron Burr

Biography of particulars of retreat from N.York, Sept 15 1776 - Perused Burr's adventure fall 1775 - with Arnold through the woods - aid to Montgomery in attack on Quebec 31st Oct. Leaves Arnold next spring in April - reaches N. Y. in May - short time attached to family of Gen Washington - Disgusted, quits - becomes aid of Gen Putnam - is suited - seduces young girl in her 14th or 15th yr - Gets appoint't of Lieut Col in Col Malcolm's Reg't - Head Col. gives up the whole command to him & after various marching & countermarchings takes up Wint. Quarters at Valley Forge, Penn - end of Campaign - 1777. In Am Biog. was very forcibly wrought upon in reading acc't of the duel between Gen'l Hamilton & Col Burr, July 1804, more especially in the perusal of Dr Hoosack's affecting letter detailing the particulars from the mom't of his receiving the fatal wound from the hand of the ruthless Burr - until he breathed his last. Wrote much of Journal. Usual individuals go to church, excepting father, who for good reasons was absent. George borrowed Mem's of Rev'd Lem'l Haynes - of Gov. Tichenor - recently published by an Albany Divine. Died this day, about 4 P.M., Mrs Naomi Hunt, amiable companion of Jona. Hunt Esq. She was a member of the First Cong. Church in this place - always supported a good character, to the best of my knowledge. Reared a family of 5 children exclusive of one that died in infancy - 3 sons & 2 daughters. George, her 2d son, departed this life about July 21, 1836 - Married, say 1797, call her 60.

Death of
Hamilton

Mem L. Haynes

Death of Mrs
Hunt

G. Hunt

MONDAY, JULY 24

Faint S. wind - produced shower by 4
P.M. Sharp thund'r. Merc. 66°, 78°, 62°.

W A Corbiere
Presho

Noys mow in Litt. Mesd. A part of the little patch rye, front of house, reaped by father & me. Rec'd call fr Wm A. Corbiere who handed open letter of J.C. Presho, enclosing card, very handsome one, which he desires to be published in Gazette, for which would pay printer on rec'g his bill - Doing finely. Never enjoyed himself any better - had dined on many dainties of the season - including green corn. S'd letter dated Natchez 14th Junc. Corb'r came by sea - Conversed with him about slaves &c.

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Milling

Letter to
Wight

Hopkins this morning was sent to mill with grist (small) rye & corn for family consumption. He conveyed to P.O. my letter to J.A. Wight which was begun 14th. Gave great encouragement in regard to purchasing lands. Desired in his next all particulars touching money - cost of trans-

acting business - manner of obtaining title - every possible information in the geographical line. Wrote some advice about marriage & some free remarks on Jackson V.B. Experiment - Indignant at its result - Something said on the Currency - Death of Mrs Hunt. Marriage of S.L.Godfrey Jun & intended one of W.A.Corbriere to Miss Delia Loomis - present week -

Party down at
S H Brown's

Great drove
horses.
Elihu Wright

Sport

TUESDAY, JULY 25 Cool - cldy - Rained little from S. Merc. 56° 72° 56°. Mowing Little Med completed. Much of the hay raked together. Two lds drawn in, one of which came out of N.Mead. Funeral of Mrs Hunt was solemnized. Father, Lydia, Sally & Adeline attended. All went up on foot - ladies were bro't home a part of the way in waggon. Great Party assembled after funeral at Mr Brown's. Saw A.M. an unusually large drove horses passing S. in the highway. Elihu Wright hoes out his corn, potatoes etc assisted by Harry Warren, W. could work only on part of his premises by reason of being confined for debt to Jail Limits. Mr Potters hands got much clover secured against storm on rising gd S. part Fay Farm, which turned out heavily present season. "Sport" getting over wound rapidly. See July 17

Litt.Mead.

Ad. Hopk's
N.Bennington

Presho's card

Newspapers.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26 Rainy morning - unfavorable hay weather followed. Came on quite a shower 4 P.M. Many showers had been previously carried round N.E. - all from N. or N.E. Merc 56°-72°-to 76° 64 Three loads hat from Litt.Mead, in inferior order drawn in. Some mowing in S.Mead upper S.E. Section - rough but more productive than in 1836. Hopkins waited upon his sister on errand to stores - U.Village, Hinsdillville & N.Bennington. Bo't but little - Got home about 1 P.M. I was blamed for absence of horse. By sd conveyance forwarded Dolbease & Presho's card to J.C.Haswell for publication. Rec'd fine parcel of papers - several No's Omnibus - 2 or 3 or more N.Y.Spect's - by them.

Hay, L.Mead.

Gordon's
History

L. Patchin's
Scythe.

THURSDAY, JULY 27 More Dog Day weather - Cldy - strong w'd - Rained smartly 4 P.M. Merc. 56°-74°-62°. Cleared Lott.Mead. of hay which say in all there might have been 5 tons. A part of the rye bound & stocked - Finished reaping it - Father very impatient working in it - stubble so thick & long - very difficult for him to move about. Evening perused ~~Monmouth~~ Gordon on Monmouth Batt. & events following to close of Expedition to Rhode Island. Had the French Fleet come on to our coast a few days sooner - Lord Howe's Fleet of the Brit. Army at Sandy Hook would have been kidnapped. Boys all ride to L.Patchin's - eve'g - purchase in my name new scythe, \$1. PounG Ginger 18 cs. Adeline marched on foot up street this even'g. Look'd at B.Mem'rs.

FRIDAY, JULY 28 Weather much on the Dog Day scheme - tho' in the morning we endeavored to persuade ourselves to the contrary. Rec'd light shower nearly noon - air thin - w'd S. if I rightly recollect early in the day. Merc. from 62° to 76° or even 78°.

Hay & Rye Hay, S. the brook, cut on 27th was the chief object - small ld got in - remainder cocked up. Rye all bound & stooked up - 15 stooks.

E.B.B.

Wedding at
S.Loomis'

E.B.Burton came here this morning - waited upon by his facetious & loud laughing friend Dan. Rob. The latter boasted about having attended wedding at s.Loomis' or S.L. Esqrs last eve'g agreeably to my intimation in letter to J.A.Wight - See opposite page - I was pained with wearing long beard

SATURDAY, JULY 29 The same cldy threat'g weather prevailed until noon, when it seemed to become in a measure fair - nevertheless broken clds sailed over us all the P.M. There was a slight sprinkling tow'd noon & that was all the rain sent us here - tho' should suspect people in some districts were less lucky. Hay above the brook & some hundreds this side - all in - The brook named is the upper one of the burden on a certain piece, alluded to July 30 ~~1836~~ 1836 was much beyond what we had ever realized from it before. On flat N. brook - S.E. walnut tree - manured last fall, produced wonderfully well - raked & doodled 17 or 1800 in small space. Boys extended moving along to S.H.Brown's line. About midday while at work accidentally dropp'd my hat in the brook - left it to dry in the sun - continuing busy all the while, raking hay - being sensible every few moments that the rays of the noon day sun played powerfully upon my bear head which was but poorly defended by the thin crop of hair it bore - rendered still worse by late shearing. Lost no time in getting the hat & placin it on my head - came to watering trough without experiencing any uncommon feeling - Washed and made for the house - began to have queer sensations, which by the time I entered the kitchen door amounted nearly to fainting - Marched through S. room to the front door - seated myself on threshold - drank camphorated spirits & water - had the same plentifully applied externally to the cranium & got over it. The ladies managed, for which they receive my acknowledgments. From the manner in which this fainting was brought on - must own I was once alarmed. E.B.B. left 2 or 3 P.M. intending to be in Manchester in the eve'g

Hay.

Hat off.

E.B.B.

S.Loomis Esq
Corbiere
H.Waters

SUNDAY, JULY 30 Strong, chilly, S.w'd, cldy. Merc. say from 58° to 74° or 76°. The same hands attend meeting as usual. Mr Hooker preaches all day. S.Loomis Esq, lady, Groom & Bride were there. Hiram Waters manfully sent me twenty five dollars handsome money on Farmers Bank, Troy, N.Y. Endorsed the same of \$100 note. See June 26.

MONDAY, JULY 31 Warm rainy morning. Hot P.M. Clears up apparently fair. Merc. 64°-78°-

Potter

62° Potters flock invaded pastures in the morning. Were soon driven off by the owner or by his order. Mowing was prosecuted in spite of dull weather. Wrote Journ'l.

Dr N.Swift

Dr N.Swift visited mother with his little grandson, Ed S Isham. Talked of Banks & folly of V.B.party in hold'g such insincere language in their papers tow'd those institutions. Many farmers were said to have hay out.

Volentine

Afternoon rode to E.Village with wife - Saw Mr Peck, hoeing mulberry shrubs - At Mr Volentines got 2 1/2 lbs rolls - 0/9 due for carding - to be pd next batch. V. appeared very industrious. As we rounded corner this side V's

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L.Patchin
Ruttenbur

M & V.D.

Dr S.Rob.
Pension

Fillmore

saw Dr Bigelow & others. Came down new street past Judge Norton's elegant mansion, Episcopal Church &c., turned to the right - drove tow'd J.Hunt Esqrs - took new road - came up Bank Hill - Trade at L.Patchin's - wash bowl & pitcher - \$1.25, on Ac't. Ruttenbur Sen'r there - talks much of dairies - which delighted to see & smell - meant to visit ours. J.T.Robinson likewise present - merely passed compliments - appeared to have been reading newspapers or paper. Came to Merrill & V.D. Speigel's - bo't 2 oz peppermint for which paid 16 cents Spoke with Darius Fillmore who said he was in health. On the Green S.E.Week's saw & conversed sometime with Dr Sam Robinson on various subjects - more particularly the Pension granted his mother by Gov't for services of his late father during the Revolution - under several different commissions - the highest being that of Col. Am't of pension \$500 annually - commenced in 1831. At the same place saw Elijah Fillmore Esqr having with him 2 horse waggon in which some friend app'd to be passenger. Spoke respecting Mr Ensign - wishing to know on what terms he was engaged to us - Sorry he could not have hired him himself as he owed him for pork deliv'd last fall. Meant to come down to see him. I told him he ought to, if he desired an arrangement of the affair. Amount of cheese made present month from 31 cows, Lbs 3070. In 1836 Lbs 3026

Dr H.Swift

Books

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1 Fair, hot, fine weather. Merc. 57° 82°, 68°. Hay taken in from E. side S. Meadow 7 lds excellent quality. Hopkins loads. Father industrious - good deal wearied. I found myself unfit for business. Adeline had the goodness to see Dr Swift for me. He came down P.M. - entertained us with a long acc't of Gen Jackson. Said much on the common politicks of the day - Banks &c. Spoke encouragingly respecting my complaint. Left 5 pills with orders how to administer them - said a few words concerning another affair, & was off. A gentleman this morning exhibited single copies of "Young Ladies' Book" and "Universal Traveller" for subscription. Let him go dry. He had no better success with George P. & Mr Ensign. Wrote several pages marginal notes

H.Waters

WEDNESDAY, AUG.(3) 2 Intensely hot 2/3rds the day - cldy-w'd S. - rain expected. Merc. 68° 84° to 90°, 76° near sunset. Hot night follow'd. Hay chiefly drawn in ready for rain - Produced mostly on flat N. the walnut & this side hither ditch - 5 loads - Hiram Waters & family here on visit. Hiram unwell - Finish writing on margin up to about end July - no small job - beginning back to Mar. 14. By order of Dr Swift not in actual service - too nervous to venture it.

Death of Wm 4th Saw in Spect. July 27 Death of King William 4th - June
Queen Victo- 20. Queen Victoria proclaimed Sovereign same day. Pe-
ria. rused Major Skinner in Palestine. Reading rather appeas
ed my nervous affections.

L.Patchin
Am't due

From Day Book - made up stat't of am't of goods
bo't on acc't at L.Patchin's from Ap'l 4 to Aug 2 exclu
sive of pitchfork returned - found to be \$35.38. To
this add goods bo't at N.B.Hinsdill's on Cr \$10.60
Total \$45.98 My statements may be inaccurate in some
measure, but must vary but little from the merchants
books as I was very careful to get bills in almost every
purchase, which were scrupulously copied into my Day Book
Up to 2d inst no acc't stood open with any other mer-
chant.

Hot weather

Illness

THURSDAY, AUG 3 Cld'y, lowery, rain confidently expect
ed, but there came very little and
that about noon. Hot morning - sour mouldy weather -
cheeses look'd bad - Distant thunder was heard - After-
noon w'd veer'd round to N.W. blew up stoutly & caused it
to grow cold rapidly. Merc. 72°, 84°, 69° Thurs'y night,
hottest known this season. Day of tribulation with me.
At times felt as if my time was but short. Those who
have been distress'd in the same manner may conceive
something of an idea of the unhappy situation in which I
was placed. But this was not constant - intervals of
calmness and composure did take place, for which I ought
to be truly thankful. And the care & attention of my
help-mate as well as others of the family shall be duly
acknowledged. After all, it must not be understood that
I was reduced to weakness and feebleness of body. It was
more in mind - occasioned by nervous affection - proceed
ing from the left part of the lower projection of the
head in the neighborhood of the neck - running down to
the stomach, producing all those frightful sensations al-
luded to above, including chill & slight cramp. My stren-
strength was quite full - could walk firmly & with ease.
In time of agitation - heart beat high & unusually quick
throwing me into a perfect tremor in spite of all the
fortitude & good sense (in both - always greatly defi-
cient) I could rally.

Haying

Haying operations were chiefly confined to mowing -
& with other pieces of meadow - shaved that immediately
S. & S.E. cheese house which turned out bountifully,
amply paying the cost of manureing.

Hay

FRIDAY, AUG. 4 Cold - some few flying clds - Wind
stiff N.W. Clear P.M. & ev'g with
the exception of slight haze latter part of the time.
Merc. 46°, 70°, 75° - not seen at night - say under 60°.
Quantity of hay got in - 5 loads - mainly gathered from
hither part S. mead, opposite the cheese house & around
the Little Oak - 1 ld only from the piece mentioned tow'
d the conclusion of acc't of Aug. 6 1836, which was not
so productive as then by abt 1/4th but better quality.
I rode with Lydia & Adeline to H.Waters' - They staid
there while Mrs W. & I drove to L.Patchin's. She looked
in the store for calico suitable to make gown for mother
While she was thus employed I was uncertain whether to
step in or not - felt rather chilly - suspicious of ex-
periencing an attack - Marched toward printing office -

Hypo.

Presho

my heart failed me - return'd toward store - meeting S. Clark thought I would try it again with a view of obtaining Presho's card. Entered into some conversation respecting P. in which partially lost my recollection & just as reached

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Court House

the door of the Reading Room - I faced to the rightabout & cut lively for the store, where taking a few turns across the floor - sight some obscured, Mrs W. being ready took seat beside me in waggon & as we wheeled round received compliments from D. Rob. Jun who inquired if the road down our way was not improved? To which we responded in the affirmative. Court House by repairs of B.R. Sears had assumed an imposing & rather elegant appearance. At M. & V.D.S's Mrs W. alighted to inspect calicos - I drove to Dr H. Swift's to get more advice. Dr gone to the Old Gov place making hay - could not see him. Proceeded to H Waters' where after tarrying say half an hour - eating crust of bread, taking soda water & leaving \$3 bill on Benn. with Miss Lydia - rode home with Adeline. Past noon had a severe fit of hypo sat down & wrote Jour'l awhile - my hand unsteady from strong excitement - to remove which took flute & performed many old airs which so allayed my troubled thoughts that I felt almost like another being. Imagined also that bathing the affected parts of my head in vinegar had a most happy tendency in restoring it to its wonted condition. Dr Heman kindly came down in the evening - very glad to find me so well and, after talking over agricultural experiments, politick and political characters including several of our greatest at Washington described Mr Clay - very tall, Benton also with very rough forbidding features etc etc - left some prescriptions for me & withdrew.

Dr H. Swift

SATURDAY, AUG. 5

Fine - too cool for growth of corn.

Wind, fresh N.W. all the m'g - P.M.

believe S.W. Merc. 46°, 66° at noon, 72° mid-afternoon.

Mowing & getting in hay withbas much expedition as could be expected from hands of the same number, age & strength Presume all did their best. George turned most of the cheeses. I turned say something over thirty - Did some other business in a light way - Endured much from tooth ache. At night applied black maple leaves which had good effect - my spirits after some depression in the evening seemed to be getting up. Perused Major Skinner in Palestine. Quantity of hay saved & in barn up to this date was estimated at ab't 41 tons. Lydia, Sp & Waters & Adeline H. Waters & 3 of S.H. Brown's girls were all here awhile afternoon - all left except L.S.W. who remained all night. Aunt Lydia went up home with her sister - found her mother very ill. Mt Fillmore came to see friend Ensign just at sunset - they walked off together.

Hay-Quantity
Young Cr. aft

E. Fillmore

SUNDAY, AUG. 6

Fair, cold morning - pretty warm day
Merc. 45° 76° Resumed the milk pail

Mrs Waters
sick.

Death of
Jonas Harwood

& management of cheese press as usual. Walked abroad, over pastures, which tho' beginning to fade, were yet in tolerable condition. Hiram Waters came down with aunt Lydia - made short tarry & returned - Diadema getting better. In the last Vermont Gazette - Aug 1 - was published the death of Mr Jonas Harwood, Parkman, O, June 15 aged 60 - Mistake, was nearly 65, born July 24 1772. Left town in May 1816. I may make some remarks another day. Adeline & Hopkins absentees from Ch - Miss Moon attended

MONDAY, AUG. 7

Cldy morning - more or less misty -
amount of rain trifling - men some

Old rails

Letter to
Theo Harwood

Caleb Brown

N. Swift

Bennington
Battle

John Fay

of the time left mowing for it. Mercury from 62° to 63° 64° evening. Mowing in small mead. in which father took some part - Brick Y'd - Dry Bk Swale and all that neighborhood. Hopk's & Warren got quantity old rails from line fence - rep'd in June. Some wood sawed by ~~fat~~ father. I had high capers in hypo - Wrote letter to aunt Theodosia & cousin Albert, to give notice of the death of Mrs Hunt. Remarks on some circumstances connected with it & as many more pieces of intelligence, supposed interesting to them as could be recollected. Wrote another to Caleb Brown Esq., W'mst'n, in substance inquiring whether he would purchase cheese the present season? Praising his industry & perseverance in business Acknowledging his usefulness to the dairying community & his promptitude in fulfilling contracts made with me. Should he not enter into the business as usual - request ed he would, if not against his interest, give me a chance to sell well. This is the meaning of my epistle; to which requested a reply. Mother sick - Adeline is waited upon to H. Waters' - Lydia thence home - Dr N. Swift sent for & visits mother. Hopkins with aunt L. rides up-town. Deposits letters in Post Office. They return together. Mrs Waters better. In the evening father related what he recollected respecting Bennington Battle. Grandfather was wounded in the left thigh above the knee - the ball grazed the bone. He, my father, could not be positive which limb it was, but thinks it was the left. He rode home on horseback about 8 miles, in the evening. Next morning when the surgeon was dressing his wound an officer of Warner's Reg't being present & noticing the ends of the parted tendons projecting out behind, declared it full proof the wound was rec'd in the act of facing the enemy. He was not in the first action - being with others selected to guard a certain road with orders to take up Tories & all suspicious characters - nor was he under the command of any regular or other officer when he went to the field of action - But was surrounded by entire strangers except being with his friend & neighbor, the lamented Mr John Fay who was that day killed. He was some imprudent in getting upon a rail fence (stump) to observe the enemy - when a bullet passed through his head & life was extinct in a twinkling. His remains were brot to his father's, now the residence of Sam'l Fay Esqr &

buried with all due solemnities - Old Capt Stephen Fay was said to have behaved with great calmness & resignation on the melancholy & trying occasion. It was a day of mourning as well as rejoicing. May our posterity never experience the like.

TUESDAY, AUG. 8 Hot, muggy, cldy, stickly. Rain'd some in the morning, noon & eve'g. W'd chiefly N. Mercury 62° 76° 80° 78° 68° Last grass in S. mead. cut - pres't season. Health much improved. Ladies rec'd visit from Azubah Thompson, to whom pd \$1 money due tow'd wages. Rode to E. Village by way of Judge Norton's & the old Smith place. Saw the judge at his door reading newspaper - informed him of his hogs having been in one of our meadows - he took care of them. Conveyed Azubah to corner bey'd school house on her way home. Would work for us if we wished after first Sept. In E. Village

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Visit at
J. Rogers

Jesse Downs

S L Godfrey's
wedding

Money to
Connecticut

Manchester
Training

Ben Darling

at Henry Norton's had shoe set on "Henry" & rake head repaired while I waited visited the lady of Jona Rogers. Conversed much on nervous complaints - both troubled something alike - Some old affairs were called up. I told her I was at the () old Distillery first set up in that village on the day of her brother Samuel's wedding, which she said was Jan'y 5 1807. That, Jesse Downs, well known for fun & nonsense, & being drowned in Safford's mill pond on one of the darkest nights ever seen in this country - Nov 26 1818 - Seth Key's of Pownal met the same fate same time & place. I was going to state, Downs was laughing & carrying on because it was said that Sam Godfrey & Sall Stiles were to be married at noon - instead of evening - the usual time. Mrs Rogers tho't I was hardly correct in that respect - didn't think they were married at noon. A matter of no material consequence to be sure, but that is the way in which I have always understood it. She was then pretty small, only about 5 years old. Her folks were never pleased with the match, nor indeed had they reason to be as events have proved - Sad day to poor Sam'l. Mrs R. treated me to cake & cheese & good sociability. Had forwarded money left with her agreeably to request but had rec'd no reply - Turn to May 23 - Returned to the shop - work finish'd. Elijah Mores being there, mentioned to him going to Manchester to train in Sept 1824 when the Brigade assembled at Factory Point. Our Bennington, Pownal, Stamford & Shaftsbury men almost unanimously felt strongly opposed to the measure & during the last night of their stay in Manchester Village celebrated, as they termed it, so mischievously & so vociferously, that it was not likely they the inhabitants would ever desire their presence more. See Jour. Sept 1824. Rogers & this Mores were at that time wild young fellows & at every place where a halt was made, would run up & suddenly take a person, no matter who, by the arm, put their mouths close to his ear & bellow out as loud as they could yell "Sound" "Why don't you Sound". Came home by town. Saw Ben Darling who offered to work a day or two for us the pres't week. He seemed to be shovelling dirt into waggon - half way

Queen of
England.

down meeting house hill. Called at H.Waters' - 'Damia better. Adeline has S.A's Fire in the face. Eve'g sent Hopkins up town to inform Darling to come on first fair day. Returns with N.Y.Spect. of July 30 & Aug 3. Wood cut portrait of Young Queen Victoria in the latter.

Milling
W. Sibley

WED. AUG. 9 Weather much against haying - Sour mouldy air from S. Freq't showers - considerable quantity of rain - Wind getting round N.W. hoped better weath'r. Some thunder. Merc. 70° 76° 78° perhaps up to 80°, 72° ev'g. Mowing continued. Attempts were made at raking or stirring & raking hay to get it in heap - but the elements were against us - abandoned it. Hopk's & Warren were sent to mill with 5 bbls rye & 1 do corn. The latter had clothes cut at Davis' on my acc't. I had return of melancholy in the eve'g. Mothers case quite bad. Sent to Edwin Robinson \$4 to be ret'd in about 1 week - To be removed on the morrow to Troy with family - Employed in Whig Office at \$7 per wk - payable every Sat. night. Miss Lydia Harwood this day 46 years of age. My father this morning related to me the incidents of Aug 9 1790 with all the minutiae & accuracy that could be expected if it had been but yesterday. Many of the personages then on this farm are now no more. Joseph Pike & James Green were hands (employed) engaged in haying - the latter regularly employed hand for the whole season - The former has been dead many years - The latter supposed to be still living, not far from Whitedboro, N.Y. Letters from & to Jonas Harwood - recorded Sept 7 & Dec 7 1834.

Tin Potter

Mrs Keyes

THURSDAY, AUG. 10 Dark hay weather until past 10 A.M. Remainder of the day quite tolerable - Cool w'd strong N.W. Merc 65° 75° Manure scraped up in cow yd in the morning. Subsequent part of the day hay engrossed all attention - One load drawn in. Drove up street late P.M. Visited old store of Sanf'd & Brown, now M. & V.D.S's. Bo't 3 cts worth epsom salt Pd. Both Speigel's present - Seeing tin Potter there or near shed - said a few words respecting brass kettle which he said had never been communicated to Sanford, but as he should leave in 5 or 6 days, would have it all fairly understood before he left. Came home with Adeline from H.Waters'. Ladies rec'd visit from Mrs Keyes formerly Miss Banister - See June 1835 & those days.

Cash A'c

FRIDAY, AUG. 11 Dog Day weather, holds on but turns out to be rather favorable. Cldy - w'd S. Merc. 60° to 65° or 66°. Five lds hay in - but not in prime condition. No hay dry enough to rake left open. I gave some assistance at raking. Posted up all Cash acc'ts to this day or date. Mrs K. closes her visit. Mother more comfortable.

SATURDAY, AUG. 12 Appear'd wrong in the morning - even rained a little in the same pt of the day - thick clds S - but clear sky N. which kept increasing a good while - resulting in good weather - though clouded over again to'wd eve'g. Merc. from 56° to 75°. All the hay safely & in very good order, drawn in. Believe the quantity procured from S.Mead. pres't

Hay	week, rated at 8 tons & from N.M. W. of Barn say 2, making together with what was reported last week, total 51 tons. Lent to William Bates \$5 Benn. Money to be paid in 1 week. Would wait on me for what was due him, if possible until after sale of cheese. Paid Peter B. Ensign tow'd wages \$10 Benn. money - would wait for remainder awhile - Went home - to return on Monday to make out his month. Twenty two years this day since the death of my grandfather Peter Harwood. Under Aug 7 have mentioned some particulars of Bennington Batt.
W. Bates	
P.B.Ensign	
Peter Harwood	

SUNDAY, AUG 13 On the whole pleas't - tho' there were indications of falling weath'r Merc. from 60° to 75°. Executed good deal of writing. Read little, but that little was chiefly Naval actions between Eng. & Dutch off Dogger Bank. Eng'h with combined fleets of France & Spain - Chops of the Channel - 1780 &c. None at Church excepting George & Lydia. I retired about the usual hour & had a restless night with colick pains - no disposition to sleep. Rec'd visit from H.Waters' & family at night.

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MONDAY, AUG. 14	Dog Day - Cldy - Expected rain.
	There was rain at the N. as far as Shaftsbury - Heard thunder - near sunset. Merc. 75° 67° Experienced bad night with colick - Obtained relief - Passed tolerably comfortable day, tho' at intervals highly wrought upon in imagination. Executed some writing - helped very little at raking hay in N.E. section N.Mead, which with much besides was mown over - Rye got in, of which there were 215 sheaves grown on 1/2 an acre. Father very spirited in the business - turning & raking hay. Late in the day I felt much better than in the morning. Rec'd in full from Hiram Waters \$60 in money & 25 cs over but included in the 60, except interest on \$100 note - which he said he would pay very soon. Gave up sd note telling him to go to some ready reckoner to get the interest made out. Accomp'd him on the road tow'd home as far as Brown's Little Hill. Saw large quantities of grass in the swath on the old Fay Farm - S.Tan Brook - E. of the road. Ensign on his post again. Aunt Lydia & Adeline were employed a part of the time setting up bed & curtains N. end K. chamber. Mrs S.Harwood repaired sink rack. Miss Azubah Thompson came up from her brothers in one horse waggon - Very cheerful & Pleasant - made settlement in full with her to whom was due \$3.63 Balanced by order on L.Patchin. In the evening cousin Henry Robinson called - conversed very sensibly & by request made an excellent prayer. Left for Geo P. \$2.25 in money.

Money pr
H. Waters

Potter's Hay

Az Thompson
Paid

Henry Robinson

Haying
finished.
B. Darling

Ensign

TUESDAY, AUG. 15 Cldy - faint, warm weather - wd S. Merc. 62° 76° Finished haying in N. Mead. Benj'n Darling assisting - not only in haying but in turn'g cheese. Business was through rather before night. Paid D. 84 cts for services with thanks. Mr Ensign just completed 1 month with us - tow'd which pd him on Saturday n't \$10. For remained would wait ubtil convenient to pay. We were satisfied with him.

Hay quantity	Quantity of hay in 7 lds got in this day - estimated at 4 tons 8 hund'd - making grand total of 55 tons 8 hund. Some of it in bad order. Quality <u>mainly</u> good. Was in
Dr H.Swift	town this morning with Adeline - Saw Dr H.Swift who very patiently listened to my complaints - gave advice & some medicine. His lady purchased Adeline a silk bonnet \$3.00 \$3.50 charged. Doct. rode off with his lady & daughter.
L.Patchin	We visited store of L.Patchin - Bought goods amounting to \$1.32 cs of which \$1.01 was for C.Moon. Gordon waited upon us. L.Patchin present reading newspaper. Enquired
G.Squires	some respecting my health. As we came away told Gordon to prepare a statement of my Acc't at that store - Said
Omnibus	he would. At Printing Office rec'd Omnibus, Aug 4, in which was more of Skinner's Travels. At Post Office
H.Palmer	took out letter to P.P.Harwood from Henry Palmer, Esq.,
letter	N.Y. & 1 copy of Midd'y Free Press - mean VanBuren pa-
Kellogg	per - want no more of it. Saw with Kellogg uncle Stebb
S.Walbridge	Walbridge who appeared wonderfully struck at my lank fall'n cheek. This however did not scare me - Came di-
	rectly home & with leave opened - Postage pd in full to Kellogg - that is the ladies opened sd letter which com-
	municated information by way of Ogdensburgh of the death of his father-in-law as being on the 5th July instead of 20th June as published in Gazette. Furnished no particu-
	lars. Very appropriately religious, as might be expected from so exemplary a professor of Christianity as cousin Henry always appeared to be - Dated 9th inst. Post mark-
Dr N.Swift	ed 11th. Late P.M. Mother rec'd most friendly visit from Dr N.Swift. Evening Adeline & Hopkins rode to E.
Bonnet	Village - the former bo't bonnet of Mrs David Squires for \$4.50 due middle September. Before their return
Caleb Brown	visited Post Office & got letter from Caleb Brown Esqr dated this day - Very agreeable & friendly. Could not
	give much advise respecting cheese at present. Expected to buy, if there were any prospect of doing anything -
	As yet all was dark & gloomy. Cheese spoling in N.York & almost all the active men there, having, have, lost so
	much that they (have) had not much heart to buy. What might turn up for the better could not say, but hoped for
	a change. If not, would be unprofitable transacting any kind of business this Fall. The men who (a part of them
	it seems) bo't our dairy last year - had stopped for the present. One man that had a part of it (were) was doing
	business yet, but whether he would want much cheese again could not say. If he knew of any chance (for selling)
	would inform me. Hoped I had passed through the Squall without much loss. If so - had need to be thankful, for
	almost everyone had shared in the general ruin of the country. Would write me again. Requested me to <u>call</u>
	if I should come that way.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 16 Cldy - great signs of rain from S. Had slight shower near sunset with thunder - wind hauled round N. Merc. 61° or 62° Damp chilly air. George & Hopkins attended Commenc't Will's College. Heard the celebrated Gov Everett deliver a most interesting eloquent Address adapted to the occa-

Geo & Hopk's

Letter to
Brown

sion to an overwhelming audience in the old Cong.Church
Saw Museum, Library &c in Coll. Visited Smedley's - all
about the same as usual - excepting the old gent who ap-
peared to be gradually failing from age & bodily infirm-
ities. Left letter from me to C.Brown at his store -
Object in writing was to keep friendly feeling - giving
my views of the times - reliance on Congress for re-
lief - thanking him for writing, & complimenting his
lady, family & Mr Southworth - Cousin Margaret Harwood
sick - Bridges people well - John C.Andrews & Band were
employed for the day - from Troy, N.Y. Boys returned
about dark. Father took the day fair & easy mowing
small quantity grass in the enclosure whereon grew the
rye, E.Cheese house. He cut thistles, weeds &c besides.
I used a scythe a short time - afterwards had severe at-
tack of hypo - from which altogether recovered before
night. In the evening joined Adeline, George, Hopkins &
W.Sibley attending Concert by J.C.Andrews at the meeting
house which was festooned up with evergreens & other-
wise decorated in fine style. The audience was very re-
spectable & numerous & behaved with great civility and
the money rec'd for tickets at 25 cs must have amounted
to a handsome litt. sum. W.Sibley kept 16th to suit
himself.

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Concert by
J C Andrews

The orchestra was stationed in front of the pulpit. I
shall attempt little at description - for I was there
without spectacles. Nor can I particularize about the
performance. In the beginning waited a long while for
them to commence - And although there were wonders
wrought in the superior performance superior execution
of some pieces, yet do I believe the thing, as answering
the expectations & natural desires of the audience, I
mean with a small exception, was next to a failure. To
be sure there were several bursts of what I conceived to
be affected applause. But the lack of wind instruments,
the singing by Mr A. with the dry accomp't of the thrum-
ming Piano, the lightness of the Solos, the strange pieces
introduced & the very acute refinement there was in the
nice performance - were lost on the mass, as pearls
thrown to swine. There was not a total want of wind in-
struments, for there was one or two concert flutes &
clari't most skilfully managed, but stringed instruments
taking the lead & most of the time kept under, what peo-
ple of my blunt taste in music would call too much re-
straint - occasioned a lightness not suited to such un-
tutored ears. After all, I think Mr A. honestly meant
to please & no doubt in numerous instances did. But let
him advertise another Concert to be at the same house on
any given evening & it would in my opinion be a complete
failure. Many persons attended from neighboring towns -
Hoosick, Shaftsbury &c. I was seated in B.Harwood's pew
in which were also Dr H.Swift, cous. Geo. & cous. Henry
Parsons & a lady who came with him from Hoosick Falls.
Capt D.Love, O.C.Merrill, Buckley Squires Esqr and others
were observed among the crowd. The flute performer was
at the top of his profession as a finished & all accom-
plished master of that instrument. No fault could be

found with anyone as to mere instrumental performance - The great mistake was in the kind of instruments used & the ill adaptation of the pieces to the taste of the auditory. Ended about 10 O'clock - Some sky-rockets were thrown up as we left the street - Got home by fair moon half past 10. Since writing the foregoing have been informed that Mr A. & band serenaded in the street until 10'clock

Barley

P.Dewey

Cash pd for
Adeline's
bonnet.

THURSDAY, AUG. 17 Cldy & warm like the real old Dog Day weather of former years. W'd S. Merc. from about 60° to 80° - returned to below 70°. They cut the Barley which grew on two parcels of ground - least in N.Mead. Pretty good yield - well intermixed with grass - having taken seed admirably well. The little hay cut on the 16th got in. Waited upon Mother & sister Lydia to Waters' where a visit was made. Proceeded to E.Village - Capt P.Dewey in company, having along his little black dog which most uncerimoniously in turns yelped at my horse - spoling all intervourse between us. Sat him down at store of Dewey & Waters - Drove to David F.Squires' - walked in & paid his lady in full 4 doll's 50 cs for bonnet for Adeline. Came home & passed the day pretty quietly, seeing the ladies make cheese and the men & boys mow barley - even handled scythe myself a few moments - Mother had rather a sick day - but with Lydia & the lad Hopkins who waited upon them, made safe return.

Hypo.

Yates

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19 Not so cldy as 17th but much hotter. Merc. 64° 80° 85°. Threshing rye by Geo. chiefly - Mowing weeds & bushes mainly by father; order of the day. I was miserably nervous & unhappy almost the live-long day. Took a morning walk about pastures as late as 9 o'clock by which was made sensible of increasing weakness of limbs. After getting home got Geo. to weigh me - pulled down no more than 132 lbs. See Jan 31 Operation of medicine or something caused all tremor possible. Stilled it however at times by walking the floors - visiting the barn - visiting the mowers. Underwent dreadful apprehensions. P.M. the Misses Yates & Mrs Waters with babe were entertained. Much was said to me by way of encouragement & it did cheer me not a little. Mrs W. would not give it up but that I should surely recover. Must pluck up & with lady & children visit Old Connecticut this Fall. In spite of my troubles swallowed no inconsiderable dinner. Let us hope for better days. Tow'd 9 eve'g rec'd visit from Dr N.Swift who was notified by boys as they drove up street of my unhappy feelings. He said I had some fever, had lost much strength, my stomach greatly deranged, but fully believed he could help me. Went through with long account of ner ous troubles which annoyed him while a member of the Theological Seminary at Andover - Ms - which were something similar to mine. Told me it would require much time for restoration. As to the final result, felt no doubt but that it would be favorable. The night which followed was a most disturbed one to me. Very little rest

It was Charlotte & Louise Yates that were here this day. I have not placed their names according to age in which the order should be reversed. Miss L. in about 10 days will start for some place, name not recollected, in Georgia to be assistant to her sister Amelia in teaching.

Barley SATURDAY, AUG. 19 Very pleasant & warm - w'd N. with few clds. Merc. 81° 68° Turning, raking together & getting in barley made up most of the business of the day. Father winnowed rye in the morning in the wind - old way. Raked great deal of Barley in the P.M. I was extremely reduced this morning after passing so restless a night. It was sometime before I could bring myself to take repose which I did about noon. Mrs Kent came over about 10 A.M. - sympathized with me in my troubles. Late P.M. rec'd visit from B R Sears & lady - with boy & babe. MssS. much emaciated from complaint like mine. She knew the whole story in relation to such cases Lydia went to H. Waters' on foot to accompany Mrs W. to Mapleton, Hoosick, N.Y. in waggon to bring Hiram home. Gates Apr 19 One of the gates erected last spring, painted 2d coat by C. Moon Hopkins & Warren. Hopk's near sunset waited upon C. Moon on her way home as far as Capt P. Harwood's. Cousin Benjamin said the house he was employed on at L. Sherwoods' - should soon finish. My mind was too much relaxed to admit of much reading. Play'd flute a little. Pastures remained pretty fresh for the season but good as they are were, cow's give diminished messes milk.

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W S Southworth SUNDAY, AUG. 20 Pleasant but very warm - Cldy, signs of rain. Clds scatter & thin. Mercur 56° 84° 66 ° Sun shone out powerfully most of the day. W'd mostly S. Those heretofore in the way of being to Church, Hopkins excepted, were there. Clark's Sermons read to Congregation by W.S. Southworth Esq. Mr Hooker not returned from attending Commencement Middlebury College. Service closed early - Our people got home by about 2 P.M. Brought letters put in their hands by aunt Sarah Robinson, one of which was the last ever written by my late uncle Jonas Harwood - Dated Parkman, Ohio, June 14th 1837, only the day previous to his death, which really did take place as stated in our Gazette (Aug 6-9-15) The letter wears the gloom of death - seeming to hold out very faint or almost no hope of recovery. Had not been able to do a days work since last January when he took cold & had inflammation on the lungs - bad cough ensued from which was never relieved. Had lately rec'd letter from Henry Palmer - all well. Makes reflections on age, & ingratitude of children to parents. Could he ever get amongst his former acquaintance - should only know such as were now old, but smart when he left them - All hastening this downward road whence none would return. Expected he should never see Bennington again. Writes of a melancholy case of suicide in an old man hanging himself in a by-building - not discovered from Saturday until the following Tuesday. Makes some unhappy comments on the conduct of his only son Geo P. which I shall pass over in silence, except saying as much as this - that by his 2d marriage he in a great measure placed himself in a situa-

tion not to be assisted by his children, from most of whom he was separated by great distance - So that had our cousin advanced funds he could have had no assurance of his father's getting them - Nor could he calculated on that filial affection which usually subsists between children & parents where they have always resided together or near each other. He left his children at Hopkinton in their very infancy & was only known to them by tradition as it were. They, in a great measure, had to rear up themselves. Geo., after living with different individuals in divers places - finally having become 21 years of age in the latter part of Aug. 1829 visited his father - staying about 3 weeks - (left) leaving him in comfortable circumstances & came to Bennington, where, with the exception of working 6 mos in Arlington, he had remained ever since - & by prudence, industry & rigid economy has acquired a competency. Complains of my forgetting to write him - in which I own myself to blame. Remainder of the letter mostly occupied with a resolution to go & see his children if possible. Forgives all offences on their part. The other letter was a very illiterate production stating the manner & date of his death & a kind of rough representation of the bad state of his affairs - creditors hardly willing to wait until interment was over for a division of the property - Done in the name of the widow - Sarah Harwood. The disorder which terminated his existence, was said to be cholera morbus - in about 3 or 4 hours. Rec'd friendly call from Dr H. Swift & H. Waters. The former dwelt some on politics - felt my pulse - said it was nearly regular - reasoned upon the nature of my complaint - ordered some change of medicine - gave strong assurance of recovery - took his way with Hiram into the dairy, orch'd &c - thence home I suppose. An anodyne plaster was tried with excellent effect between the left part of the head & collar bone. Late, or say about 3 P.M., Henry H. Parsons with his lady came from H. Falls by way of E. Village & made short agreeable tarry. All as well as usual & there. An Irish man, young man, last week fell from staging of the new tavern house, broke his ~~back~~ back - lived from Thursday until Saturday, entirely senseless. Left with me to pay over to Sanford & Brown on note \$50. And requested them to give orders respecting some stoves which were left in a certain building about to be demolished - to be sold on commission - what should be done with them. Hopkins gone until 9 at night to convey home from Thomas Mattison's - Cynthia Moon in wagg. I went to bed more quiet than usual. Much was said by our cousins in favor Morrison's Pills.

Dr H. Swift
H. Waters

H. Parsons

C. Moon

MONDAY, AUG. 21 Fair & extremely hot - few clds - wd N. Merc. 52° 85° 81° Mowing this-
tles - order of the day. George went post haste for Dr H. Swift to stop the operation of Adeline's emetic which by his prescription was administered this morning. He came & set things aright - helped G. carry cheese to put in press across the way - Conversed on dairying & departed. Hopkins was sent on business to E. Village - had 4-1/2 bhls new rye ground by Hamlin for which payment was made in full at 6". Got Charley shod at Henry Nor-

Adeline sick

Milling

ton's. Dr S. here at noon. I took two walks abroad to see them mow thistles, the last being early P.M., when the heat was powerful - took a sort of affright which required all my resolution to suppress. Fancied myself, notwithstanding these little disturbances, to be doing well. Wrote comments on J.H.'s letter - Perused papers some - Looked in Mem'rs of Aaron Burr - to be returned next Wednesday to Mr Hamlen - ought to have been sent this day. Adeline doing well. Evening - George, Hopkins & aunt L. rode to town. Paid N.A. Balch, Prin. B. Academy, \$4.81 for 14 weeks tuition of Hopkins during last term. Rec'd Edwin Robinson Paym't in full ~~for~~ \$4 lent to cousin Ed Ribinson on the 9th inst by the hand of cous. Henry. All safely returned before 9 o'clock - bringing "Miss Free Trader" from J.C. Presho - mailed at Natchez about the 1st inst. From inspection of advertisements should say himself & partner were doing fair business. Let me not omit recording full Cash fr H. Waters & satisfactory payment by Hiram Waters of \$2.50 interest accruing on note of March 11 - sent me on Sunday.

TUESDAY, AUG. 22 Chilly & cldy - w'd N. Merc. 58° to 66°. Call'd cold. Treading out Barley with horses constituted employment a part of the day. Mowing Can'ta thistles was also continued. Wife & self rode abroad P.M. At Merrill & V.D. Spiegels paid over \$50 on note as requested by H.H. Parsons on Sunday. Merrill entered & read endorsement to me. Our object was Hindsdill's store - Some rods this side Safford Robinson's, met uncle S. Rob. Saff'd R. and James I. Breese in waggon-rack going to draw hay for Wm Haswell. Usual enquiries & replies were interchanged in cheerful style. The former said he would come down & consult with father on a scheme of going to Troy together tomorrow 2 P.M. At Hindsdill's found customers plenty & nobody to serve them but our tall friend D. Warner Edgerton, who appeared to do his best. It was sometime before our turn came

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which rendered it dull & lonesome. At last a piece of Gingham - 7 yds was purchased for Mother at 31 cs & 25 cs worth stocking yarn - making total on book of \$2.42" - Took no bill. Left store past 4 P.M. They had fair looking small cheeses which (was) were said to have been bo't for 6 cs pr lb. At uncle Sam's found Aunt Sarah pruning shrubbery in the garden - Conversed awhile with her & cousin Emily - the latter having in her arms her interesting little boy. Came on & met our friends returning home in the same manner in which we saw them at first - a little this side the old Field place - Nothing said. At N.L. Robinson's transacted small business in crackers - to amt 12-1/2 cs pd. In hunting for him - saw Minerva & her Mother & the lady of Jefferson Albro, late wid Stewart of N.Y. who recognized me at once. Appeared in good health. Invited her to come to our house - believe she said she would. Taking be permission an advertisement of the Bradreth Pills - started for home. Called at Post Office in which B.R. Sears was employed in making alterations & repairs. No letters. Halted at Sanford & B's - saw Mr Sanford to whom was mentioned the stoves about which cousin Henry P. desired me to get directions.

Sanford &
Brown.
V.D.S. &
Merrill

Fresh Beef

Said Henry might send them over at any time, provided it could be done at usual expense. Told him I would write him. Bo't of Mer. & V.D.S. 12-1/2c worth very fair writing paper. Seymour presented me a sheet of Ames' Letter p., excellent quality - made by hand in the old way - better than could be done by machinery. In water mark are the figures - 1835 - Rec'd 6 lbs 13 oz fresh beef at H. Waters' to be placed to the credit of Geo Root Esq Gave way to a weak fit of hypo early in the evening - soon over it. Wrote letter to Henry Parsons. N.L. Robinson said he had paid up his debt in New York for which Dr N. Swift & self were responsible - into about \$88.00 Told him I felt undisturbed respecting it.

Thistles
Letter to H.H.
Parsons

Gen D. Rob'n

Pool's

Dr Sam

Mer. & V.D.S.

Corbiere for
Presho.

Mrs Street &
Mrs Wrisley
Wm S South-
worth

Mrs Waters

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 23 Very cold - good deal cldy - wd N.W. Merc. 50° 58°. During the forenoon sb stones were removed from very gough g'd in S. mead. where plough'd 1835 next night pasture. Rye stubble cut down. Thistles mown P.M. Prep red letter to send by mail to H. Parsons, giving notice of money being paid, order relative to stoves, some family news. Written on Tuesday Eveg Started with father for Pool's on Harman Place. Left letter too late at P.O. for P.M. mail. On road this side Scott hill, saw gen D. Robinson very active in his meadow raking hay - now in his 83d year. At the old Dr Smith place called on Mrs Daniels, conversing very lively a few moments. Drove to Pool's - Mr P. & lady both at home - Old Mrs Harmon there too. Dairy going on finely - Most cheeses sacked in fine style. Mr P. knew nothing in what manner their dairy would be sold. Spoke rather despondingly as to sales - Dairymen would have to hold on a good while - men would be afraid of embarking deeply in business - mobey scarce etc. etc. Shewed us a very large calf of this years growth - born about 12th April Solicited a chance for sale with them, should one present itself. Made short visit. Came to N.L. Robinson's purchased 1 oz Indigo for 17 cs pd. Uncle S. Robinson was there with his team with which we met him on W. road drawing hay for someone - Said he'd go to Troy with father on Sat. next. (Page Haynes with him in his waggon rack). Looked at cotton cloth at L. Patchin's - offered by the piece at 9 cs - Did not buy. Of Merrill & V.D.S. bo't 5-1/2 oz annatto for which paid 49 cs - Very high we may think - Said they could sell it no lower. Came directly home. Forgot to write that as we started for home, Mr Corbiere came up & solicited a favor for his & my friend J.C. Presho, who by him forwarded \$50 Mississippi money to transact business of importance in N.Y. - but it would not pass there, tho' good at home. Therefore wanted to know if I would advance the funds & wait 40 days for remuneration. Replied that I did not possess the means at present - Did not give flat denial - would see him another day - wanted time to think of it. Mrs Street & Mrs Mrs Street & Mrs Wrisley came down together in the Gov's chaise - Sammy came too & was pretty full of the white horse. Visit short, left before supper. Wm S Southworth Esqr favored us with a short visit late in the day. Could not prevail on him to tarry over night. Whigs much divided as to Rep. to Assembly. George N. Briggs - N. Bennington, was talked of. Mrs Waters & family washed here.

THURSDAY, AUG. 24 Cool, cldy - some rainy - especially eve'g. Merc. 46° to 66° They made an end of getting of stones as mentioned 23d. George mowed for Potter in Sam. H. Browns (big meadow E the road - swamp department - over half a day - came home for rain. Lots of thistles were mown by father, G. & boys - latter part of the day. I suffered some in mind & body too - but it's not worth while to write much of it. Sawed small quantity of old rails - Rode with lady up street. Bo't 21 cs worth bar soap at L. Patchin's. Rec'd Spect. of Aug 17th. Made short call on Mrs B.R. Sears who was well - invited us to supper - could not stay. Of John C. Haswell obtained 3 No's Omnibus, up to Aug. 18 Saw in the reading room J.S. Rob Esq P.S. Rob., David Love & a young man did not know. Solomon C. grinding knife. Halted a few moments at U.L. Rob's - saw Minerva - Bo't nothing. Rec'd Vt Chronicle at P.O. - Gazette at Blackmer's - Came home - enjoyed the eve'g tolerably well. One year since our respected friend J.A. Wight left for the 'Far West'. Committed to P.O. letter to Oren W. Daniels - Giving many good wishes -, stating general health of the family. Informed him his mother & all her family were well - including his father of course. Requested payment on note of a few dollars pr his brother when he should come from Genesee to this place - Would be very thankful even if he should pay no more than one dollar that being the am't of what I owed Sylvanus - his brother - Didn't believe he would deny me that. Sent compliments to our cousin Mrs Duncan & all their connexions. Compliments to his lady etc. Scipio, N.Y. is the residence of the above gentleman - Removed thence early 1834 - Contracted debts from 1832 to fall of 1833. Have written him once or twice since.

Potter
Mrs Sears
J.C. Haswell
J.S. Rob. &
Love

J.A. Wight
O W Daniels

FRIDAY, AUG. 25 Cold morning, cldy temperate day. w'd N. Merc. 50° 66° 50°. Mowing this tles chiefly by father & boys. George attends to dairy fixes lead pipe, conveying water from cask to stoop - repairs bottom of 1 horse wagg. P.M. rakes hay for Mr Potter. I rode with Lydia & Miss Cynthia as far as H. Waters's. The latter spends her time at A. Robinson Esqr & elsewhere. Sisters & self go to E. Village. Lydia transacts business to am't of 87-1/2 cs at Dewey & Waters' - paid. I drove to H. Norton's to have work done. Gone to

Potter
Ride to Vill.

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Dewey & W'd Woodford getting coal - of course nothing done there. Returned immediately to the store - ladies got in - rode to L. Patchin's where Lydia rec'd 71 cs worth goods on book. While she was thus employed, Capt D. Robinson Jun & his lady cous. P.L. Rob. accosted me in sly way - touching riches & show in the fine horse I drove - next would have a waggon - hubs banded with plated bands &c As I was amongst the farmers that were rapidly accumulating wealth. I told them before they could see that, I should be 4 feet under ground. Gazed at Court House. Good finish outside - Nothing done yet inside. Waited

L. Patchin
D. Robinson Jr

Mrs S H Black- upon ladies down to H.Waters' - Called on Mrs S.H.Black
mer pd in full mer & paid in full \$2.14 cs for making 2 bonnets & fur-
nish'g some trimmings. Mrs Fay came there on visit.
Endeavored to get work at Chandler's but failed. Came
home accompanied by Lydia. Evening good deal amused in
reading debate of Sham Society on question whether a
dog that carried his tail so still as to bear up his
hinder legs off the ground, be a biped or quadruped.
Decided in affirmative by 77 majority. Early in the
morning of 24th James Jepson for Erastus Montague rec'd
35 Gals Cider on Cr. Same day Gov Tichenor wrote
shrewd billet to G.P.Harwood by Sam. Wrisley to procure
bark of red plum root for Miss Polly Thayer for sore
mouth, in whose behalf he wrote. Geo. not being at
home, could not act up to this letter. Hopkins did it.

Cider to
Montague
Billet from
Gov. T.

Potter haying SATURDAY, AUG. 26 S.wind, cldy. rain expected - very
Neighbor Potter finished off haying in S.H.Brown's
large swamp meadow E. road. We lent our aid to effect
it - consisting of father, George, Hopkins & Warren who
were said to have done well, the first in particular.
I was there short time in the morning raking hay -
Came away both on account of inefficiency & helping
the ladies put cheese in press. Mr P. in all employed
from 10 to 11 hands - amongst whom were his father-in-
law, Davis - His brother Wm, Mr Sherman, George Solo-
mons, Wm Allen, (part day only) Elihu Wright &c. Most
of the above except our own - used more or less cider
brandy. All was conducted on a regular scale, Mr P.
very liberal in his house. I sawed more old rails -
otherwise my behaviour was disgraceful. Very unhappy.
Charlotte Yates Adeline sick - Visited by Charlotte Yates - The latter
accompanied aubt Lydia & self into upper orch'd to get a
few apples. Saw Henry Warren with his gun - had no
game. Charlotte expected her brother after her in wg-
gon. Waited long, until nearly dark & went home on
foot.

Horses strayed. SUNDAY, AUG. 27 Misty morn'g - broken fly'g clds -
w'd N. Merc. 64° 78°. Horses
strayed off in the woods - none to drive to meeting.
Father, Geo. & Lydia attended on foot. Mr Hooker preach-
ed, forenoon - Mr Somebody Else afternoon. Adeline un-
well. Attempts were made to hunt up horses - proved
abortive. The day was gloomy to me - felt very uneasy
- had a tightness about the lungs - a sort of sly tick-
ling in that region which kept me continually dissatis-
fied with myself - No matter, no matter let it pass.
Rec'd call from H.Waters who talked cheerfully & lively
Took pail & assisted at milking. So did our friend
B.Darling. Conceit can cure - Conceit can kill. Late
in the evening before I was quiet.

H. Waters
B. Darling

A.Potter MONDAY, AUG. 28 Fair & cool - handsome fly'g clds
W'd N.E. Merc. 56° 71° 64°
In various ways cut oats in old orchard. Mr Potter
cradled 1/2 day. I sawed wood a little - assisted
some in reaping oats - Felt very weak in the morning -
ate meals regularly - grew better - George was obliged
to repair cheese press. Hopkins & Warren endeavored

Horses found to find horses forenoon - Came home without them.
 Grandfather, Heo & Hopkins tried their skill P.M.
 The former returned successful - I grew very uneasy -
 But past 4 P.M. G. & H. found them in Kudge L. Norton's
 long pasture, all sound - returned home in safety.
 Cash ret'd by Wm Bates Oats stout - lodged a good deal. Wm Bates Esqr very ha
 honorably returned \$5 which he borrowed of me Aug 12
 Made excuses for not paying by the time set - Told him
 all was well - hadn't wanted it. It should be remarked
 Wind. that the wind blew pretty heavily greater part of the
 day.

Tuesday, Aug. 29 Fair with slight haze. W'd N. Merc.
 46° 72° 68° Father & Hopkins with
 Troy. Charley started for Troy. The former rec'd in addition
 to some specie he already had \$7 The latter \$20 with
 instructions to purchase bbl flour & 50 yds Cott cloth
 & hay for himself. George attended to dairying in the
 Barley usual way. Mowed bushes P.M. besides cleaning up 5 bbl
 barley, or something like that quantity. Warren got
 Ogden horse shod at Ogden's - Told Dr H. Swift to visit me -
 He did so & confirmed me in the opinion I had formed
 respecting myself since going to Pool's when I took
 cold. Ordered new set of medicines. Rode with his boy
 up to the orch'd & procured say 1 bbl apples. Hopk's
 Mrs Kent had in specie 74 cs. Mrs Kent & daughter were here a
 part of the P.M. Ladies rec'd visit from Mrs L.S.
 Harriet Patch- Patchin - gallanted by the clerk - Wm Pennel.
 in.

Wednesday , AUG 30 Rained very powerfully in the morn-
 ing. Showery until past 2 P.M. -
 even afterw'ds - Cldy to the end - Cool at night. Merc
 from 67° to 81° 60°. Geo & all hands chiefly employed
 in cleaning cheeses & cheese shelves. My imagination
 triumphed high above all reason - as unhappy as I could
 well be. Help was furnished from Mr Potter's to assist
 at milking.

THURSDAY, AUG. 31 Quite cool - Broken fl'g clds from
 N.W. Merc. 54° George took specia
 care of all dairying concerns committed to his superin-
 tendence. Scraped up manure in cow yard, turned oats &c
 Warren acted his part tolerably well we may presume.
 During the morning I was in the usual restless discour-
 aging way. Saying & doing all manner of foolish things
 Spent a few moments with the boys scraping cow y'd.
 Every comfortable word that could be thought of was
 said to me - without doing any good. After dinner ex-
 perienceed a very unhappy train of thought, occasioned by
 nervous sebsibility which being allay'd by applicationo
 of the anodyne plaster - Reaminder of the P.M. passed
 very quietly - comparatively speaking. Played a little
 on flute - Finished writing out Jorn'l of visit to N.
 York Oct 1836. Perused very smart piece in behalf of
 Presidents & Directors of Banks throughout the country
 & against the unmanly assertions of the old General &
 all his leading measures during his tyranical reign
 of 8 years. This in Spect. of Aug. 21. Early in the
 evening father & Hopkins returned from Troy - with the
 horse Charley very badly foundered.

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Charley
foundered.

Our neighbors, Brown, Potter & the young men employed by them took a very lively interest in the well being of this animal. Dr H. Swift came down just as they drove up & bled him in the neck - Ordered him salts, a small portion of which, was pured down. In the course of the eve'g Mr Brown came over & bled him in the fore feet - said we must send up & get 1 qt C. Oil & administer to him. Done accordingly. They fussed with him until a late hour in the evening - for which returned sincere thanks. Dr H. Swift talked with us on politicks some-time - Continued Powders & Soda. Up all hands late, I had fidgets. Mr Potter not here personally - but sent hands & gave advice. Qauntity of cheese made this month, Lbs 2879 Laat Year it was Lb 2837 42 less than now. Whole am't pres't season Lbs 12496.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 1 Fine, but cold - almost a frost in the morning. Merc. 40* to 67°.

L Smedley Jun

Margaret
Harwood.

Dr H. Swift

Binding & getting in oats was the chief employment. Rec'd company in the persons of Capt Levi Smedley Jun his son Chauncey & cousin Stratton - Spent only only short time with us - reported all as well as usual in Williamstown - Margaret Harwood gone to Petersburg where one of the young Phillip's lately had a wedding Had sold their small dairy of green at 7 cs - Larger ones he thought might sell at 8. Nothing doing as yet in that business. William Allen assisted in getting up oats & at milking in the evening - for Mr Potter. Dr H. Swift came to see & converse with me in the eve'g Said I was doing as well as could be expected. Read some pieces from his N.Y. American. Left some different kind of medicine for me. Exhorted me to have patience, calmness & fortitude in meeting my complaint, and departed for home. Charley was made to stand in water great part of the day. Hopkins was much out of health Benton of Missouri wrote letter to a certain committee praising up Gen Jackson's & his own scheme respecting the currency. Long before sleep came to my relief.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 2 Cldy - warm - chilly eve'g - Pleast for the season. Merc. 40° to 84° 58° Father cut bushes in little meadow - George attended to usual concerns. P.M. both employed for friend A. Potter in raking & binding very fine oats procured in Indian Lot. Boys drove home Armstrongs bull in the morning - Would wait for pay. See May 29 They gathered apples P.M. & by accident let the horse 'Henry' run away home from lower part the orch'd. No material damage done. Sold Wm Park 3 bhls apples for 50 cs. Let me have \$1 - could not change it - put it over to a future day when I must pay him. Mr Corbiere came up to inform me would with his lady leave for Natchez on Monday next - Could write Mr Presho - I declined on acc't of ill health, but afterwards in the course of the P.M. made out one to him, which finished next day & forwarded to C. Thank'd him for calling. Sd letter merely stated respecting the family & dairy - Requested

reply - I had a fight respecting Charley because he accidentally got into the barn & ate some oats - afraid it would damage him - Drove him into the orchard where the boys were on that account - Did not know as it would injure him. Milked 2 cows in the eve'g & that was all I could do.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 3 Cold with flying clds - sharp N.w'd. Merc. 50° 67° Father did not attend meeting - Took a walk with him - My spirits very low - Talked with him on an interesting subject - Said he would fulfil my request if the event I anticipated should take place. All the family spoke encouragingly to me. Dr H. Swift came down & spoke very confident of my case. Rec'd visit from Hiram Waters, B.R.Sears, wife little boy and young man living with H.Waters. Conversed quite lively. Ideas correct. Cows baited in meadow. Cheeses held out tolerably heavy.

MONDAY, SEPT. 4 Fine & fair, pretty morning. Merc 38° to 70° & upward. Business rather broken up, but after a variety of chores were disposed of a horse was procured of Mr Potter - plowing stubble ground for sowing rye - after rye was in part executed by Geo. & Hopkins. The latter got 5 bbls Barley ground at Hamlens early in the day - unpaid. Father cut bushes besides spending much time with his old friend Jesse Loomis who came to see him about noon - Wife & self rode after Charley up street driven by Warren Sibley - P.M. visited Diadema, who spoke cheerily - made little visit there. Rode up the hill - Saw W.Haswell who exhorted me to throw aside all bad impressions - be not discouraged & I should get well. N.L.Robinson sold me 25 cs worth crackers - came out & encouraged me. At Post Office rec'd Chicago Democrat & Milwaukee Advertiser - 1 copy each - By the hand of Miss Rebecca Judd - We paid postage. Slept well at night - Strange thing for me.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 5 Very pleasant & unusually warm. W'd N. Merc. 48° 80°. George sowed 1 bbl & peck rye on stubble gr'd E. cheese house. Hiram Waters, young F.Blackmer & the little girls came down in 1 h waggon. The former got nearly 1 bbl cider & with the boy procured some apples in the upper orch'd & drove home. Said I might chge him for full bbl & he would get the remainder another day - Should borrow violin for me, P.M. with father & George attended Freeman's Meeting - Saw many old friends - Rested at B R Sears' - Voted Whig Ticker - Talked very lively with Dr Bigelow & others. Montague said he'd pay cider bill first of October. Heard S D Walbridge & P.L.Robinson dispute on politicks. Supped at B.R.Sears'. Returned home in the eve'g in pretty good spirits. H.Waters brought me S.H.Blackmer's violin. Some of the young fellows of the neighborhood came in to hear me try to make music.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6 Very warm - some few flying clds.
Merc. 48° to 80°. Getting out manure
was the employment. Not able to write more at this time.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9 Very hot a part or nearly the whole
day. Merc. 60° to 85° Finished wall
upper side meadow on Friday - & this day worked behind
rocks. W. Bates, W. Allen, I. Solomon's were co-workers
for Mr Potter. One day the present week sold apples to
Mr Noyce, Woodford, & rec'd payment in full including 3 bhl
to Park to balance 50 cs due on one dollar bill rec'd the
other day. Business was said to go lively.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10 Fair & very hot, w'd N. Good for corn
Merc. say about 80° George waited
upon me to uncle Sam Robinson's where met with very kind
reception. Uncle Sam. conversed in very friendly manner.
Came back to H. Waters'. Spent P.M. very agreeably.

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Came home early evening. Geo went to Dr N. Swifts' to
have him visit Miss C. Moon who was ill. Enjoyed the P.M.
quietly. My friends D. Robinson Jun & John S. saw & spoke
me.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 19 Cool - high N.W. wind. In low spirits
Rode to the old House place with cous
in George who saw Azubah Thompson about coming to work
for us - On return got dreadfully chilled. Aunt Sarah
left 1 copy of her Family Records. Told her to take her
pay 50cs at L. Patchins'. Setting feet in hot water re-
stored circulation in a manner.

FRIDAY, SEPT 22 Warm, pleas't, w'd S. Brook very low.
Merc. 67°. Father & boys dug potatoes
which yielded sparingly. I accomp'd wf to Mrs K's -
played violin a little. Returned & assisted in potato
patch. George went to Williamstown to get information
respecting sales of cheese. Saw A. Cole or A.B. Cole, C.
Brown, L. Smedley's people, Margaret Harwood, Mrs Bridges
&c. Mr B. gone journey W&d. Mr C.B. had written re-
specting our dairy to one of the gentlemen who used to
purchase it - had rec'd no reply. It was his opinion
large dairies like ours ought not to be disposed of yet.
Israel Cole must have 9 cs for his or he would keep it.
Mr Axton one of his neighbours sold for \$8. delivered in
Adams payable first Jan'y. Quantity of cheese made in
Adams, Cheshire &c supposed to be less than usual.

SUNDAY, OCT. 1 Warm, fair- flying clds. Pleas't after
rain. Merc. say 80°. Most of the
family able to attend church went to church & heard the
preaching of Mr Hooker who was said to have discoursed on
the usual practice of bringing up families of children &c
On the 29th Mr H. came to see me. Came some excellent
advice as to both spiritual & Temporal affairs - to be
what I ought in the former & be resigned to whatever
should take place in the latter - Prayed with me.

By the blessing of kind Providence we were enabled
to make during the month of Sept. past Lbs 2628 cheese as

weighed from the press - whole weight pres't season amounted to Lbs 15124 - Exceeding last year by 24 lbs up to same date. This entry of worldly concerns has taken place inadvertently - beg it may be pardoned by the Same Great & Good Being who preserves our lives from day to day tho' we can see no reason why it should be so.

MONDAY, OCT. 2nd Very warm - Remarkably so forep't the day. Died this day at the house of Hiram Waters, Mrs Caroline Kendrick amiable consort of Jonathan Hastings Kendrick of Troy, N.Y. - aged 28 years & nearly two months - leaving 2 children, one of them an infant of 9 months old, husband, parents, brethren & sisters to mourn her untimely departure. She died calmly & resigned in the firm belief that she should go to a world of Happiness & rest. She was a professor of Christianity & left good evidence that she was a Possessor. Breathed her last half past eleven A.M. Mr Hosford of Williamstown came up with friend L. Jewett to look at the dairy - which having done & finding some fault with the thickness of cheeses - made no direct offer - talked very discouraging of the times - money scarce - very indifferent about buying - Had bo't good dairy of Manning Brown for \$7-3/4 - which was the most he was willing to say he would pay for ours - but would not stand to it as an offer. Told him I wanted time to consider - say 10 days - He was careful - so he left us - Thought of buying Jewett's.

TUESDAY, OCT. 3d Clear & fair - cool - W'd N.W. Elisha Waters Jr & Mr Kendrick arrived from Troy on Monday evening having rec'd news of the death of Mrs K. most unexpectedly - previously hearing she was getting better. Mr K. however bore up under his trials with all the fortitude & patience of a true Christian. The blow was heavy to Mrs Waters her mother who had the care of her since she came from Troy. All due preparation being made for the purpose, the corpse was conveyed by our sexton, Mr Anthony J. Haswell, where it would be interred agreeably to the wishes of the relatives & friends of the deceased. We claim near relation & much respect for the same - being direct descendants, on the mother's side, from Abner Dewey who died in Bennington - say ~~Aug~~ ~~Feb~~ Feb'y 1777. The female part of the family gave attendance at the house of mourning - Assisted in preparation for the dead. Our people completed getting in potatoes if I be correct.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4 Extremely cold, tolerably clear. Merc say 30° to 55°. Apples were gathered for cows. Geo. did business up street eve'g. Business dull all over the country - Prospect very dubious - Cold eve'g - Read much of the story of Joseph & his brethren. On the first inst N L Robinson bro't writing from men in N.Y. endorsed by Dr N. Swift exonerating me from all responsibility to those men &c. Gave him up his mortgage deed. Turn to Journ'l for June or July 1835. Do not recollect the date.

THURSDAY, OCT. 5 Very cold morning - cld'y, rainy PM
Merc. 25° 45° Father almost sick with
bad cold which he called Influenza. Boys made horses
tread out say 6 bbls barley - in all got out - 12 bbls.
Ishmael Titus waited by young negro boy in one horse wag
gon staid over night here. He informed this morning
(Oct. 6) that it was 58 years since he left N. Carolina.
56 since his residence first in Bennington, Pownal, William
town &c. Called himself 95. Up to the 4th inst we
had made 169 cheeses - on hand only 105 - say could sell
11000 lbs. Two were worked up & cask'd in brandy. 2
others cut & mostly eaten up. They commenced fattening
cows on apples - best use perhaps they could be put to.

FRIDAY, OCT. 6 Cool - Wd N.W. flying clds. Merc. from
36° to 55° 64. Bro't home about 30
bbls winter apples. Father unwell with bad cold. Ishmael
left this morning. Great yield of fruit in young orch'd
Lydia went to H. Waters this eve'g. Some calculations
ahead at night.

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These are most discouraging times. No offers for dairy
No good prospect in regard to health. As these records
prove my abilities - Where gone ?

SATURDAY MORNING Oct 7 Fair & Cool - flying clds. Merc
44°. My good father is so sick
as to be unable to attend to business. Benjamin Fay
called with his lady & Saw the dairy - Hosford offered
him for his cheese 7 cs - Refused it - meaning to hold
on for 1 c higher - In Day Book P. 84 may be seen a short
statement of cheese sold made during 1836 from which we
~~learn~~ learn the quantity arose to 15443 lbs. Moneys
actually realized after deducting expense of casks,
selling, transportation &c. made up the sum to \$1382.52
No prospect like it now. Every expense deducted would
bring it down to an am't quite low. Of green weight
there were 17265 - say for family consumption - 300 -
would leave shrinkage 1522 lbs - the 300 being added to
15443. See Oct. 10 Nov 17 & 23 1836 & May 19 1837.
View my actual situation to be most dangerous - but my
folks differ from me. Boys gathered winter fruit. Rec'd
Mr Underwood's opposition speech - Good. It was forward-
ed by Mr Hall. Mr U. was from Kentucky. Father gave up
sick. Adeline & Hopkins rode to E. Village - returned
without transacting business. Azubah Thompson would go
home at night. O' my right leg.

SUNDAY, OCT. 9 Fair, but cold - high NW w'd. Merc. from
34° to 44°. Father continued very ill
Adeline, the only person who went to meeting. Geo re-
mained at home mainly on acc't of ill health. Great
colds very prevalent among the people at this time.
Besides wailing & lamenting about sore leg - perused Bi-
ble some in History of Life of Joseph and very good
Psalms & David was an inspired writer no doubt. Looking
back on pages of 1836 in this Vol. reminds me of better
days. George Godfrey, son of G. Godfrey late of E. Vil-

lage - departed this life at his residence in Shaftsbury
He was one of the drafted Militia that went to Platts-
burgh or say to Burlington, plattsburgh, Chazy & Champlain,
Sept. to Dec. 1812 - I was of that hon. body - he was
from 46 to 48. His father died early in 1830 - honora-
ble pensioner - really deserving - great friend of Gov.
Tichenor and the late capt. J. Norton - an honest man.
The person last mentioned suddenly died on Sunday morn-
ing, I think, Aug. 24 1828. Of what use to write that my
decayed constitution stuck close by me. Perhaps might
have once more got up the hill if, if, if it had not
been for the leg. I am incorrect in dating. Should be
Sunday, Oct. 8. Ought to be entirely resigned to my
fate - but can't toast so much. Mr Hooker preached
Peace Sermon - Did well we presume. H. Waters & young S.
Judd paid visit late in the day - former help'd milk.

MONDAY MORNING, OCT 9 Extremely cold - Merc. down to 19°
up to 55° Father some better but un-
able to do business. No Thompson girl here - ran away
with Allen yesterday as reported to get married. My con-
dition & prospects no better. George & boys in fine
spirits attending to daily concerns with alacrity & cheer-
fulness. George & self rode up to Merr. & V.D. Spiegel's -
enquired price of flour? - \$9.25 Drove to N.L. Robinsons
& bo't 2d best at \$8.37-1/2 - Paid \$8 & took it away -
balance to be paid another day - could do no better for
want of change. Business P.M. gathering apples. H. Waters
& Willard Hotchkiss did the like. Mr E. Fay seemed dis-
posed to buy a cow - looked at one he liked, but no bar-
gain ensued. Rec'd note signed by E. Montague - left at
B.R. Sears' - saw signer a few mom's afterwards - offered
to get any mame I might choose to have affix'd thereto -
J S Robinson being proposed was procured & accepted all
in good humor. Mrs Kebt obtained leave to get apples
gratis and for that purpose came on P.M. Miss Eunice
Jewett had made up her mind to carry her own cheese to
market & sell for herself. H.W's lady, little Adeline
& Mary Jane spent the day with us. H.W. & family rode
home in the eve'g. Azubah ret'd toward evening much sur-
prised to hear the stories &c.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 Prospect of rain - cldy - wd S. Merc.
38° in the m'g. Rained very faintly
tow'd evening - but not enough to start vegetation much.
Day for gathering butternuts. Hopkins waited upon his
Mother to stores in Centre & E. Village - transacted but
little business. Bo't of D.D. Conkling pr garter boots
for Adeline - forgot to ask price - supposed to be \$2.50
- mending boots for Hopkins, 37-1/2 cs - Father gets some
better but continues feeble. Some garden sauce is dug.
I retired about the usual hour - exercised with excru-
ciating torments in the right leg above the knee - My
Mother & all the rest of the family were fully satis-
fied it was more than half hypo - I wish they had been
right. H. Waters finished getting apples - say 50 bbls.
Wrote letter to Leggett & Lapham, N.Y. to enquire respect-
ing cheese market, & if favorable, to send a quantity to

them to sell. Requested quick reply.

WED. OCT. 11 Moderate - light clds, wd N. Merc. 48°
58°. George & Hopkins plowed potato
ground, N. meadow. Warren Sibley worked at home. H. Water
made an end of getting apples - Drove cows out of S. mead-
ow. Norman Norton's team ran away from up street with
2 horse wagg - Stopped by neighbor A. Potter - Damage not
great. Warren S. returned here at night - With Hopkins
went to an apple paring at Mr Potter's - staid until
about 12. Adeline spent the day at H. Waters' doing some
kind of needle work. Father's health improving. Re-
ligiously resigned to the will of Providence. Cows dry-
ing up $\frac{3}{4}$ Very warm evening.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 Thundr'd & rained powerfully in the
morning - 50° to 62°. Rained more or
less during the day. Bad milking. Boys thrashed oats.
Father remained much as he had been. My case no better,
appetite quite good. William Bates made call to whom was
paid \$5. tow'd \$9-1/2 due for work. Borrowed of Geo P.
Harwood \$5 which added to 75 cs more amount'd to \$5.75
Hopkins went after Dr N. Swift for his grand pa - Dr gone
to Manchester. My worthy father talked very sensibly
on religion - this P.M. - Wore out the folks making my
moans - and of what use was it. The fates were against
me.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 Cold - snow on mountains. Mercury
say 36°. Rec'd call from S.W. Daniels
to whom paid in mobey \$1 in full for waggon shoe bo't
last April - Residence in Castile - 300 miles from Troy
50 E. Buffalo, N.Y. 50 N.E. Rochester. Hopk's had 3-1/2
bhls rye & 2-1/2 barley ground at Doolittles' mill part
pd 30 cs. George & Warren threshed rye - all that remain
ed on hand - say now 6-1/2 bhls, total about 12. Some
company from Rupert came. Ebenezer Moore & Ann Phelps,
son & daughter of my (old) former friend, Miss T. Montague
- afterwards Mrs Moore, now Mrs Phelps, in good circumstan-
ces - Treated me & my daughter very kindly Feb'y 1836.
These young folks were - the former past 20, the latter
about 15. They were accomp'd by Charles & Delia Sears.
Clear, cold evening - Moon in total eclipse - viewed to
good advantage. Harmon & Pool had not yet disposed of
their cheese. Times very uncertain. The merchants of
capital now have a grand chance of getting the farmers
so deeply indebted to them as to sweep their farms from
under them, sooner or later. It is a plain case, how bus-
iness will go - Dealing on credit is easy trapping.
Look out.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 14 Cold as winter - gr'd fro-
zen hard - Merc. at 17°.
Became clear, fine pleas't day. Grass must dry up after
this. Great damper to dairying. Father went on foot up
street. I of course must write - saw no enlivening pros-
pect - saw very bad night - They think it mostly hypo on

my part. I think I am correct - hope I am not. Mrs Harr't Patchin sp't day & evening here. Aunt Sarah, cousin Emily & babe also here. Young folks went street in the eve'g. Returned with letter from Leggett & Lapham, N.Y. Prices cheese from 8 to 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ cs - might send cheese soon as we pleased.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 Moderate - rather warm - signs of rain. Rec'd pleasant visit from B. R. Sears - lively - in good spirits. Charles soon to be off for the S. - told B. I thought the young man missed it in going there. - he seemed to think so too. L.S. Patchin came after his lady in the evening. She had attended meeting with our people. S.H. Brown & lady in the eve'g p'd very friendly visit - Fortnight hence Mr Hooker promised his congregation a historical Sermon on Cong. Church in Bennington.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 Fair warm - fine day - Rained some over night. Merc. 80° in sun even 86°, 56° or 60° in shade. George & Adeline made out measures of a part of the cheeses, ready to hand to the cooper. Apples were gathered for cows. They made use of a kind of wooden hoe in gathering, which did good service. Hiram Waters spent the day in his wood lot with a hand in his employment. Father gets better slowly - assists at milking. The state of my health may be gathered from appearance of hand writing - which pain & inquietude can never improve. Lydia & Adeline go in quest of beechnuts this pleas't afternoon. Gave note to G.P. Harwood for \$25 - due 1 day after date - this morning. Rec'd this morning very severe contusion in the stomach & region of the abdomen most accidentally from the right arm of Hopkins as he stood with his hand in the pocket of his round about - swinging it round with considerable force in fac'g toward me, without being aware of my being anywhere near him. He stood at the time in the door of the Cheese press department in the shed. I can expect nothing but pain & misery from this.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 Very pleas't & warm - should say in sun might be 80°. About 1000 ft bass wood boards were sent to Fuller pr Hopk's with instructions for making the same into cheese casks. H. returned P.M. with reply that he would have them done by Thursday next. Elihu Wright borrowed an old cider hhd of us to store cider in when made. George P. helped him gather apples during P.M. Grandfather amused himself in husking corn this warm handsome P.M. Lydia busy cutting apples - Dr Sam Robinson with had besides gets winter apples here. My hand is so uns eady, can hardly manage to write - Sent for 3 sizes of casks in diameter - 20-1/2, 21 & 21-1/2 inches - 20 in number - half to be 30 inch staves - remainder 34 do. Elihu Wright p't eve'g here 16th - Warren Sibley worked at home for his father all day after chores in the m'g.

WED. OCT. 18

Forenoon fair - hot - cldy - & rainy
P.M. Merc. say 64°. Harmon & Pool
came to see our dairy which they liked - Would sell to
Wing of Albany at 8 cs in fall - 10 cs in spring deliv-
er'd there. The same was proposed for ours - if as good.
I wrote him could have ours on those terms - provided we
could have our casks again. George went up with sd let-
ter to P.Office. Proposed to have cheese weighed in
casks. D.Robinson Junr rec'd 3 lbs 12 Oz butter on Cr.
Talked much to me on hypo. Hopk's with team - Potter's
horse & our Henry drew apples to Jewett's cid. mill for
E.Wright. Aunt Lydia & Adeline off on visit up street.
Took violent heat in cold right foot by putting it in
water too hot. N.W.Sibley here.

THURSDAY, OCT. 19

Pleas't - flying clds - wind rsther
chilly from N. Merc. say 64° Hop-
kins was called early - say before 4 in the morning to
drive team & waggon for Elihu Wright with cider casks
to Eunice & L.Jewett's cid. mill. Hopk's returned be-
fore fairly light - Drain for carrying off water below
milking yard repaired. P.M. Hopk's went to mill $\frac{3}{4}$ Geo
& ladies rubbed cheeses - the former rammed clay to stop
leak in water trough. Father dug garden sauze - Found
fine carrots - Mrs Harwood went to Mrs K's - Mrs K. came
here for apples.

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Hopkins paid Mr Volentine for carding 2 small lots woollen
rolls - supposed to be 25 cs - then it seems he added
his last years bill, making in all that H. paid 43 cs.
His last years acc't was paid, as may be seen in this
Journ'l Oct 14 1836 - Cash B'k same date. Mr V. forgot to
to credit it. So much saved by writing. All lively &
in good spirits about the house - self excepted - father
some gloomy.

FRIDAY OCT. 20

Cold & Rainy from SW. Most rain have
had for many days. Chimney burnt
out. Boys up street P.M. Returned with letter from
cousin Albert P.Harwood in reply to mine of Aug 7 His
mother enjoyed fine health. Himself & the rest of the
cousins were also in good health - prospects cheering -
Had seen cousin Ruth & family who were doing well. Men-
tioned the case of a Mr Blackmer - very intemperate man,
getting terribly hurt on railroad.

SATURDAY, 21st

Believe wind came round from N.W. -
rather cool - Father felt impatient
under indisposition, but was spirited - didn't give up.
Some apples were gathered. Hopk's went to mill. George
took care of cheese. Bro't in garden sauze. Things go-
ing on tolerably well.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22d

Very fair, fine - Warm - w'd S.
Walked over the S. & S.W. part of
the farm with father - worried my right knee & ankle most

terribly - deprived of almost night's rest. They referred all to imagination - never would hurt me. Hiram Waters came down at night - talked much in favor of selling ~~put~~ cheese in N.Y. instead of Albany. Edward Swift he said was of that opinion. Aunt Lydia & Adeline went to church on foot - George attended P.M.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 Extremely warm & fair. Merc.82°

Became this day 49 years of age.

Miserable man - no peace - no contentment in any spot. Happily situated too as any reasonable well man could wish - But to such despair was I by indisposition driven. Day much as it was 49 years ago - so says father. Dr N Swift made me a visit - said all was imagination with me Would be well enough if I could only leave off thinking of myself - had some fever - Sent by Hopkins & Warren phial of salts &c - take table-spoon full 3 times a day Boys got up corn in bundle & gathered apples for cows - I assisted father some at husking in the barn - Felt heat most sensibly especially as they kept very hot stove in the kitchen - during the day & part of the eve'g. Read in late N.Y. paper - Loss of Steam Packet Home - on coast of N.Carolina - Great many lives lost - said to be 95.

Warren Sibley returned to our employment after an absence of 1 week.





